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## Best Sunshine Live gets 16-month reprieve

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The Commonwealth Lottery Commission took into consideration the factors that Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC enumerated when they made a request to amend the casino license agreement in order to extend the implementation schedule deadlines.

- » **IPI also receives extension on Imperial Pacific Resort construction**
- » **Deadlines for start of Phase II and III developments also suspended**

The commission approved IPI's requests of extending the temporary casino, Best Sunshine Live, and completing the construction of the initial gaming facility, while suspending the schedule of deadlines of their Phase I and II developments in Marpi.

The commission, headed by Department of Commerce Secretary Mark O. Rabauliman,

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JON PEREZ

Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC senior vice president for special projects Viola Alepuyo, center, addresses the Commonwealth Lottery Commission, chaired by Commerce Secretary Mark O. Rabauliman, in yesterday's meeting at the Governor's Office conference room.

## IF PASSENGERS OVERSTAY IN CNMI CBP imposes penalties on airlines

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection said it imposes penalties on airlines and holds airline carriers responsible for the return of aliens to their home countries.

Although the amount of the penalty was not disclosed by

CBP, the federal agency expects the airlines to shoulder the responsibility of bringing aliens that enter the CNMI through parole authority back to their country of departure after their 45-day stay in the CNMI.

"The carrier is responsible for providing positive space to return aliens to their point

of foreign departure. A provision of the Conditional Parole is that the applicant possess a non-refundable round-trip ticket," CBP public affairs liaison Francis Falcon wrote to *Saipan Tribune* in an email.

According to Falcon, CBP always had the authority to penalize a carrier for failure to

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Nhorleen Bitco placed first in Bridge Capital LLC's 7th Annual Art Competition held last Saturday at the Garapan Fishing Base during the 36th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival.

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Actress Faye Dunaway says she thought co-presenter Warren Beatty was joking when he paused before showing her the envelope that should have contained the Oscar's best picture winner.

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## Propst: 'Private' meeting violates OGA

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Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) said an alleged private meeting by the Commonwealth Lottery Commission during a recess yesterday could be a possible violation of the Open Government Act

or Public Law 8-41.

OGA's Section 5 states "all meetings of the governing body of a public agency shall be open, and public and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the governing body of a public agency, except as otherwise provided by this Act."



Propst

Propst said he would question who the commission met in a private room. "In fact, everyone has the right to know. I have an idea who they met with and I want them to answer who."

He added the meeting was not an executive session but an "illegal forum" as he saw acting governor Victor B. Hocog allegedly call the commission

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# Local

## 'Salary hikes of elected officials not a priority'

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House Ways and Means committee chair Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) said they would not prioritize the salary increase of elected officials on Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' proposed budget for the coming fiscal year and would focus more in funding the critical areas of the Commonwealth.

Demapan said the committee has been aware that complying on what was stated in Public Law 19-83 was part of the budget proposal submitted by Torres to the Legislature on March 31.

"As we go along, in our statement and in our quest to fund critical areas, [the elected officials' salary increase] would not certainly be one of the highest priorities of the committee," said Demapan.

"If it requires for us to take away funding from that in order to fund critical areas and services, then that is something the committee would do. It will not be our top priority to fund salary hikes. We would do critical services first and go down to other priorities and if there's any excess, we would follow PL 19-83."

PL 19-83 is an act to enact a new base salary schedule and increase the salary ceiling for classified civil service government employees, and increasing the salaries of all elected officials. Torres has identified funding for the wage increase.

The salary schedule and

salary ceiling increase of classified civil service government employees had been implemented as it was part of FY 2017's budget. However, the salary hike for elected officials was delayed since there was no funding source.

Torres allocated \$1,245,158.22 for the wage adjustment of elected officials, legislators—20 House

members and nine senators—and the four mayors of Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and the Northern Islands.

A budget of \$737,589 is for the salary increase of House members, while \$356,904 for the nine senators. A total

of \$150,665.22 is allotted for the municipal mayors of Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and the Northern Islands.

Demapan said funding for the Legislative Bureau had been cut under Torres' \$145,260,075 FY 2018

budget proposal. The total funding for the Legislature, with the LB, in FY 2018 is \$7,925,336.

"The governor's proposal reflects a decrease in funding [for LB]. So, some salaries of our LB officials and some funds for operational needs are reduced from what they are today. One of the options we are looking at is to tap the

money from the salary hike to restore LB's needs," Demapan added.

"All across the board in this budget, we are still reviewing it, it is a lengthy proposal, one thing that the consensus with the committee is to ensure that we adequately fund the critical areas and services of community before anything else."

## FSM citizen sues feds over denial of application for disaster assistance

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A citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia filed yesterday a lawsuit in federal court against the U.S. Department of Labor and several others for allegedly denying his application for disaster unemployment assistance because he is an FSM citizen after Typhoon Soudelor struck the CNMI in 2015.

Okotan Ham also named as co-defendants in his complaint Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Employment Security Appeals Referees' Office, and ESARO appeals officer Karen Moore.

Ham, through counsel, Jeanne H. Rayphand of the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems Inc., is suing the defendants for failure to issue decision by statutory deadline.

Ham asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to issue an order compelling defendants to immediately decide on his appeal from denial of disaster

unemployment assistance. He

demanded payment for court costs and attorney's fees.

Typhoon Soudelor struck the CNMI on Aug. 1, 2015. Four days later, a disaster declaration was issued.

According to Rayphand in the complaint, Ham timely filed for disaster assistance on Oct. 9, 2015.

Rayphand said that, on Oct. 15, 2015, a notice of determination of disaster unemployment assistance eligibility was issued, determining that plaintiff did not qualify for the program because he is an FSM citizen.

On Nov. 9, 2015, Ham timely filed a notice of appeal from the denial.

On Feb. 2, 2016, Ham followed up with the CNMI Department of Labor, informing it that no information had been received from the Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Appeals Office, and requesting that it follow up to insure he receives the information regarding the appeals process and to insure his appeal had not been overlooked.

Rayphand said in response to telephone calls to

the CNMI Labor, she (Rayphand) was informed that the appeal and a response were being processed.

Rayphand said that on May 31, 2016, she sent an email to the CNMI Labor secretary with copies to the Hawaii Department of Labor Appeals Board, informing them that still no response to Ham's appeal had been processed.

The lawyer said she asked for their immediate attention to insure that Ham receives the information regarding the appeals process and to be sure that plaintiff's appeal had not been overlooked.

She said on that same day, May 31, the CNMI Labor secretary responded by email "confirming that the Hawaii Appeals Office is in receipt of this case."

With still no response, Rayphand said she emailed the CNMI Labor secretary again on July 21, 2016.

The following day, the CNMI Labor secretary responded by email that Ham's case is still with the Hawaii Appeals Office and

that the CNMI Labor is also waiting for any updates on the case as well.

Rayphand said when contacted, the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board responded that their office was the wrong office and that they copied the email to Employment Security Appeals Referees' Office (ESARO).

Rayphand then emailed ESARO, requesting that they confirm that it had Ham's appeal and asking what action was being taken on the appeal, but there was no response.

The lawyer said that, on Sept. 29, 2016, she emailed the CNMI Labor secretary with a copy to ESARO, asking for assistance regarding the appeal.

Rayphand also noted that the delay in responding to follow-up inquiries regarding the appeal and the failure to process and determine this appeal in a timely manner were clearly unreasonable and requested an immediate response within two weeks to avoid resort to court action.

The CNMI Labor secre-

tary responded that she would forward the email to its San Francisco, U.S. Department of Labor office.

Rayphand said an oral argument on the appeal was held by telephone on Oct. 31, 2016.

Rayphand said she sent emails to ESARO thrice from December 2016 to February 2017, asking if there had been a decision in this appeal yet, but no response was received.

The lawyer said in response to her another email on March 23, 2017, ESARO on that same day sent an email apologizing for the delay and stating that the decision would be issued shortly.

Rayphand said she sent another email last April 14 to ESARO, asking if there is an expected date for the decision in this case, the deadline having long passed, but there was no response.

"No decision has been received on this appeal," she pointed out.

Rayphand asserted that defendants' failure to process and decide Ham's appeal in a timely manner deprives him of his right to an appeal and due process of law.

son said.

With respect to the computer, Hanson said even at True North Bar, Ogumoro did all his work as DPS deputy commissioner.

"It's not a crime. A very legitimate reason," he added.

In Manglona's opening statements, assistant public defender Tillman Clark, counsel for Manglona, said his client has been accused of crime that he did not commit.

Clark said when Manglona bought the car for \$50 the vehicle was trash as it barely ran.

Clark said Manglona with the help from a family friend fixed the car and after eight months sold it for \$700.

"None of that is a crime at all," Clark said. "There is no grand conspiracy."

When *Saipan Tribune* left the courtroom at 4pm, Hanson was still cross-examining Kevin Maratita.

## Ex-cop testifies how investigation started that led to recovery of computers

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Former police officer Kevin Maratita testified yesterday in the Superior Court how he started the investigation in March 2013 that led to the recovery of a CPU desktop, a laptop computer, a computer monitor, and a printer belonging to the Department of Public Safety inside the main office of True North Bar and Grill in Garapan, owned by then-DPS deputy commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogumoro.

Maratita, who is now employed with the Commonwealth Casino Commission, is the first government witness in the ongoing jury trial of Ogumoro and co-defendant Herman M. Manglona for corruption charges.

Maratita said he was then temporarily detailed at DPS internal affairs when then-DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero tasked him on March 7, 2013 to investigate allegations regarding a desktop computer allegedly misused by a high ranking DPS official.

Maratita said he only learned that the high-ranking official was Ogumoro after he met with a DPS information technology staff, who disclosed that he saw the DPS computer inside Ogumoro's office at True North Bar and Grill.

He testified that he and other officers then served a search warrant at the True North on March 12, 2013, where they seized the computer and other items belonging to DPS.

Maratita said at that time, Ogumoro was off-island.

Maratita identified the CPU

desktop, laptop computer, a computer monitor, and a printer that the prosecution presented as evidence as among those they recovered from the bar.

The second amended information charged Ogumoro with eight counts relating to theft by deception, misconduct in public office, conspiracy to commit theft by deception, removal of government property, and theft by unlawful taking.

The second amended information also charged Manglona with conspiracy to commit theft by deception and receiving stolen property.

Before Maratita took the witness stand, the prosecution and the defense counsels had their opening statements.

In the government's opening statements, assistant attorney general Matthew Baisley

said the evidence will show that Ogumoro and Manglona are guilty beyond reasonable doubt of all charges.

Baisley said this is a case about using a DPS position, the second highest official then at DPS, to steal property.

Baisley said Ogumoro and Manglona tricked the government by bringing a 1995 Toyota Tercel that belonged to DPS to an auto shop to be repaired using DPS funds totaling \$2,500 and then sold the car as "scrap" for only \$50.

The prosecutor said three days after the repair of the car for \$2,500, it was sold to Manglona for \$50 right from Ogumoro's mouth.

The prosecutor said second a DPS employee was ordered to bring a DPS desktop computer to a shop for repairs using DPS funding in the

amount of \$276.

Baisley said the computer was later used in the office at True North Bar & Grill.

In Ogumoro's opening statements, defense counsel Mark B. Hanson said the case is all about a vendetta by then-new DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero against Ogumoro.

Hanson said at the time, DPS vehicles need to be maintained and Ogumoro stepped in using his no-nonsense military style of management.

Hanson said Ogumoro was just doing his job.

Hanson said the 1995 Toyota Tercel in 2012 was a real piece of junk.

The lawyer said it's a management decision to sell a junk car for \$50.

"There's nothing wrong with that. No crimes," Han-

# Rookie cop admits he has alcohol, drug problem

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REPORTER

Ramon Saures Kaipat, a rookie police officer who pleaded guilty for beating up his wife who is also a police officer, has admitted that he has an alcohol and substance abuse problem.

Kaipat, through counsel Rosemond B. Santos, said he is powerless over alcohol and other substances and that his personal and family life became unmanageable as a result.

Santos said defendant's prior and present conviction for the same charge of assault and battery toward his wife is directly and proximately related to his alcohol and substance abuse.

Santos revealed Kaipat's alcohol and substance abuse problem in defendant's sentencing memorandum.

Sentencing will be on May 10, 2017.

Santos is recommending to the Superior Court to impose a sentence of 30 days of imprisonment with credit for time served, followed by an extended period of supervised release, along with other strict conditions of release.

The defense lawyer said strict conditions include the

requirement for Kaipat to submit to extensive outpatient treatment for alcohol and substance abuse.

Santos said she believes the requested sentence and accompanying strict conditions of supervised release is not only "reasonable," but also fits the crime and the offender.

"Moreover, the proposed sentence and conditions of release is consistent with the goal of meaningful rehabilitation and probable reduction in recidivism rate of incarcerated persons," Santos said.

The defense counsel said Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho is aware of Kaipat's prior conviction in 2011 for the same charge of assault and battery involving the same wife.

"This is the basis for the statutory sentencing mandate of 30 days," she said.

At the sentencing hearing, Kaipat intends to address the court first with an apology to the court, to his immediate family that he betrayed, and to the community in general.

Santos said Kaipat recognizes that his conduct was wrong and unacceptable, and is deeply remorseful and regrets his poor judgment and actions that hurt his family

and caused tremendous distress to the people he loves and cares about.

Santos said defendant is in serious need of alcohol and substance abuse treatment services, and has made the effort to seek help by registering with the Community Guidance Center.

At present, the lawyer noted, that the Department of Corrections has no treatment services available to its inmates to treat any disorders including alcohol and substance abuse.

Santos said Kaipat requires specialized disorder treatment that can only be achieved by allowing him to be on an extended supervised release as opposed to incarceration.

The 38-year-old Kaipat pleaded guilty to the offense of assault and battery, which carries a maximum sentence of one-year imprisonment.

Kaipat waived the pre-sentence investigation report.

Camacho accepted Kaipat's guilty plea and the plea agreement.

Kaipat was originally charged with assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. The two offenses carry a total maximum sentence of one year and six months imprisonment.

The government recently dropped the disturbing the peace charge, leaving only the assault and battery charge.

According to the factual

basis of the plea deal, Kaipat hit his wife several times on the head and body using his hands and knees on Jan. 13, 2017 on Saipan.

Police said officers respond-

ed to the Truong's parking lot on Beach Road in Susupe at 11:18pm after receiving a call about a disturbance.

Police learned that the couple had just come from

a party for patrol officers at a hotel. While the wife was talking with her sister on the cellphone, Kaipat allegedly grabbed the phone and her hair and beat her up.

**» Kaipat has pled guilty for beating up wife who is also a cop**

## MCC International project manager pleads not guilty

MCC International project manager Yuqing Zhao, through his counsel, entered yesterday in federal court a plea of not guilty to the indictment charging him harboring illegal aliens in connection with the alleged illegal Chinese workers at Pacific Imperial International CNMI LLC's ongoing construction of the casino and resort in Garapan.

Zhao appeared out of custody with counsel, Charles Reyes. Reyes appeared on behalf of private counsel, Colin Thompson, who is off-island. Assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley, counsel for the U.S. government, read the charge in the indictment upon Reyes's request.

According to the indictment, beginning on Aug. 1, 2016, and continuing until March 31, 2017, Zhao harbored 15 illegal aliens by shielding them from detection for the purpose of commercial advantage and private financial gain.

A separate indictment charged Beilida Overseas president Hui Lu and Beilida's Wencao Guo, Xiufang Qi, and Hongwei Ma with harboring illegal aliens.

(Ferdie de la Torre)

## Another \$1000 instant lottery Winner!

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Nelia Reyes Magabo who won \$1,000 playing "Tropical Plumeria" on NMSA's \$1 game at JL Market in Susupe. In the photo is Ms. Mailan the store owner.

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## Demapan concerned on restarting Section 106 meetings

Rep. Angel A. Demapan (R-Saipan) said the U.S. Navy's decision in restarting Section 106 meetings is premature following the agreement that has already been reached by the CNMI government and the United States Department of Defense during the 902 Talks. The 902 report has already been submitted to U.S. Congress.

The Navy decided to restart the cultural and historic properties of Section 106 for the CNMI Joint Military Training (CJMT) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The military held a meeting yesterday on Tinian, while a separate one is set at 2pm today at the Office on Aging conference room.

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met yesterday at a packed Governor's Office conference room at the Hon. Juan Atalig Sablan Memorial Building in Capital Hill.

Members of the House of Representatives, IPI officials and their employees, and others from the community attended the meeting. The room was so packed that some IPI workers were forced to stay either outside the conference room or outside the building.

Extended where the deadlines of operations of the temporary casino—the Best Sunshine Live facility at T Galleria—and the construction and initial operations of the initial gaming facility, the Imperial Pacific Resort under construction in Garapan.

Best Sunshine Live's operation at T Galleria was about to end on April 30 and IPI is seeking to extend it to Oct. 31 of this year, while also extended was the Aug. 11 deadline of the IGF's construction, which they are hoping to be moved to Feb. 11, 2018.

The commission granted a 16-month extension for both requests where IPI is expected to complete the project on August 2018—which the commission streamlined and made the deadline uniform.

Commissioner Larrisa Larson, who is also the CNMI Department of Finance Secretary, said they made the deadline the same rather than having it separate. "I think granting the one-year extension should be considered in light of the issues brought to our attention."

Rabauliman said they weighed the pros and cons of the requests before they made the decision. "We've moved forward with the extension based on the public comments, made, those who are in support, and the concerns raised in the meeting."

"The thought process here

"As discussed and outlined in the 902 report, the DoD committed to increasing its involvement with the CNMI government as part of its environmental planning to ensure that the amount of land it seeks to acquire is the minimum necessary to support its defense purposes," said Demapan, the House Federal and Foreign Affairs committee vice chair.

"Thus, the DoD proposed the creation of a CNMI/DoD Coordinating Council, which was to serve as forum where the parties can work together to seek approaches that support DoD's military missions and the CNMI's concerns for economic self-sufficiency. This Coordinating Council

has not been completely organized and hasn't started its work yet."

He added the coordinating council has yet to begin its work and should be first allowed to establish themselves so all of CNMI's concerns be heard and considered as the process moves along. "The proposed CNMI/DoD Coordinating Council should be allowed to do its work first to ensure that economic impacts are thoroughly discussed."

"Another issue that concerns me is that these meetings are being started over again without waiting for the revised EIS to be released," added Demapan.

"If you recall, following the submission of numerous pub-

lic comments on the CJMT Draft EIS, the military decided to go back to the drawing board and come up with a revised draft EIS, but that has not happened yet."

He said the discussions would be a better "opportunity to seek a common understanding on how DoD's use of the land can balance its critical need for training without adverse economic consequences, and maybe even improving the CNMI's socio-economic conditions."

"Nonetheless, this issue is still of great concern because despite the tremendous opposition from residents regarding the military's proposals for Tinian and Pagan, the goals of the military have not changed.

and would work out a new agreement with T Galleria because of the extension.

Alepuyo said their request was only for six months, which they think would be enough time for them to finish the casino based on their own assessment. "However, we respectfully request that there won't be any language there that would prohibit us to open in the event that we are done earlier."

The commission welcomed IPI's suggestion. "If they completed the project, it does not stop them to shut down the live training and transfer to initial gaming facility," said Rabauliman.

Alepuyo said amendments could be made to extend the deadlines. "A deadline is just a deadline but it does not necessarily mean you live and die with that deadline. There are ways to extend deadlines if we have to. The most important thing is you comply with the laws and regulations."

She asked everyone to be respectful of one another despite being at opposing sides. "It does not matter what you do, people are going to agree or disagree. Let's just respect each other and each person's views. We can't get everybody to agree on everything, but just be respectful."

### Minority's concerns

Minority members said they do not oppose the casino project, but would want IPI to address all the concerns that came up, especially with the construction of the multi-million dollar Imperial Pacific Resort.

Minority leader Rep. Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) said that one of the concerns that came up when they were still discussing Public Law 18-56 was whether Saipan has the infrastructure for the development.

"We were trying to be real with it. Are we going to have the infrastructure and the agencies ready to support the upcoming industry? All environmental problems were also

They still want to use Tinian and Pagan for their proposed

## Corporate Challenge set for May 28

The 17th Annual Corporate Challenge will be held on May 28 at Minatchom Attdao in Susupe.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is inviting Chamber member businesses to join in the competition to win the title of Corporate Challenge champions.

Last year, the Corporate Challenge attracted nine registered teams. Team IPI #01 of Imperial Pacific took first place winning a several prizes, a trophy, and a year of bragging rights. In second place was Fiesta Resort "Fiesta Rockers" who demonstrated athleticism and teamwork.

The "Team Spirit" award was won by Hyatt Regency Saipan for the third consecutive year. Trailing closely behind Hyatt Regency was Team Delta Management, who put on an amazing show of spirit and had the favorite team chant. DFS, the 2015 Corporate Challenge champions, had an amazing tent display

training plans," said Demapan. (*Jon Perez*)

creating a unique experience for all participants offering games and prizes. Bank of Guam dominated the Tug-of-War game and beat out all other teams. IT&E showcased technology at its finest with the costume entered into the costume portion of the competition.

The Chamber is now accepting company team registrations. Space is limited to the first 14 registered teams. The deadline for registration will be on May 19 at 5pm. To register now, or for more information, please call 234-7150 or e-mail [administrator@saipanchamber.com](mailto:administrator@saipanchamber.com) for more information or visit [www.saipanchamber.com](http://www.saipanchamber.com).

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit organization with over 165 member businesses, which is aligned to make a difference in the business community of our island. The office is located at the Marianas Business Plaza Suite 315, 3rd Floor. (*PR*)

### CBP

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remove a passenger on notice from CBP to remove said passenger.

"Once ordered to remove the passenger, the carrier may be held responsible for the expenses of providing security, lodging, and meals to the passenger until the removal is affected," wrote Falcon.

"CBP has invoked these authorities on Saipan for recent cases," he added.

Falcon did not disclose specifics for the ongoing investigation, as "CBP cannot provide any details on pending litigation or individual cases under investigation."

*Saipan Tribune* contacted a number of airlines that are possibly associated with the penalty imposed by CBP for a statement, but to no avail.

The penalty by CBP was brought up due to the ongoing illegal worker situation on Saipan associated with the construction of the multimillion-dollar Imperial Pacific Resort. Three contractors and subcontractors hired by Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC to construct the resort, namely Beilida Overseas (CNMI), Gold Mantis, and MCC International, have all been allegedly involved with unlawfully hiring aliens and bringing in and harboring

certain aliens.

Xiufang Qi and Wencai Guo of Beilida were stopped and arrested last April 5 at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport while the two were reportedly attempting to leave the CNMI.

According to multiple protesters, officials from Gold Mantis are nowhere to be found after the Chinese construction company promised to pay its workers their unpaid wages that go back all the way to early 2017. Workers from Golden Mantis have protested over their unpaid wages multiple times.

Construction workers of MCC International share the same fate, however it was not specified by the protesters whether MCC officials are still on island or if they have already received their wages.

Rep. Vinson Sablan (Ind-Saipan) has reached out to House Speaker Rafael Demapan (R-Saipan), through a letter, his intent to submit an official request to a meeting between MCC officials and all members of the 20th House of Representatives, however a response from Demapan is yet to be known.

The meeting was called for based on "numerous unanswered questions from fellow representatives as well as questions that were raised by our constituents in light of recent issues."

Guerrero.

"The lieutenant governor has no right to call them in, especially with Viola Alepuyo. All of that's illegal and a direct conflict of interest. I would file a formal complaint with the Attorney General," said Propst.

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members—chair Mark O. Rabauliman, Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, and Public Safety Commissioner Robert

2017 CNMI WOMEN'S MONTH



## "Empowering Women as Leaders of Change"



The CNMI Women's Association (CWA) and the Office of the Special Assistant to the Governor on Women's Affairs express our heartfelt gratitude to the following who have generously contributed to the success of our celebration of the 2017 CNMI Women's Month, which was held to honor our women and recognize their accomplishments and contributions to the growth and strength of our families and our great Commonwealth:



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# Bitco tops Bridge Capital art competition

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Nhorleen Bitco placed first in Bridge Capital LLC's 7th Annual Art Competition held last Saturday at the Garapan Fishing Base during the 36th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival.

Bitco's entry "The Sanctuary" got her first place in open category painting. The *Saipan Tribune* graphic artist said she worked on her winning artwork for a week.

To describe the piece briefly, "The Sanctuary" is a pen and ink on paper piece that depicts a turtle with a variety of marine life—ranging from corals to mussels and fish—on its back.

"It is a reflection of the reality that other species have a major impact on the survival of the human race. If we protect nature, it will reciprocate," said Bitco.

Despite winning awards in the last two art competitions, Bitco has been humble throughout her success. Bitco, along with a number of her artist friends, wish that there are even more opportunities for local artists to showcase their talents on island.

"I am very grateful for the opportunity Bridge Capital offers to the artists in the CNMI annually. A lot of artists I know wish that there are more companies that encourage other artists to come out and produce more artworks because there are a lot of talented artists here in the CNMI," Bitco told *Saipan Tribune*.

Bitco won \$1,500, an amount she is planning to set aside for her upcoming vacation. She won second place in the same category of last year's competition and in 2015, Bitco won first place in



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From right, Nhorleen Bitco poses with her winning piece next to Bridge Capital LLC chief executive officer John Baldwin and Bridge Capital vice chair Shawn Scott during the 7th Annual Art Competition's awards ceremony last Saturday during the 36th Annual Flame Tree Festival at the Garapan Fishing Base.



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Nhorleen Bitco's piece "The Sanctuary" depicts a sea turtle living in harmony with various marine life.

## Torres designates Police Week on May 15-21

Gov. Ralph Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog signed two proclamations last April 21 designating May 15-21 as CNMI Police Week and from May 15 to June 4 as the period for the CNMI Click it or Ticket Enforcement Mobilization Campaign.

The twin proclamations intend to recognize the Commonwealth's committed law enforcement agencies as necessary components in the enforcement of laws and to strengthen the campaign on regular seatbelt use by citizens and visitors of the CNMI.

CNMI Police Week and Peace Officer's Memorial Day (May 15) pays tribute to past and present law enforcement agencies who serve with extraordinary bravery in tirelessly protecting people

and property knowing full well the dangers they face and the sacrifices that have to be made in the execution of laws and keeping the neighborhoods safe.

The proclamation read that surviving family members of fallen heroes who have laid down their lives in pursuit of a safer and just society will both be given respect and recognition.

The men and women of the law enforcement agencies will also be acknowledged for being in tune with the current times by being modern and adhering to scientific law enforcement where collecting of evidence and data goes beyond traditional investigation which is vital to public

service. The proclamation expects the support of all patriotic, civic, and educational institutions in commemorating the week's celebration.

For its part, the CNMI Click it or Ticket Enforcement Mobilization Campaign's main objectives are

to ensure all motor vehicle occupants whether citizens or visitors are buckled up day and night and to reduce the risk of injury and death caused in traffic crashes.

A seatbelt survey in 2015 revealed a 95.58-percent usage rate by travelers on the highways and bi-ways of the CNMI. In the same year, the use of seatbelt in passenger vehicles saved an estimated

13,941 lives in the U.S.

In 2016, another seatbelt survey was done and it revealed a 92.90-percent usage rate by adult travelers and a 59.29-percent usage rate for child restraints on the highways and bi-ways of the CNMI.

Increasing regular use of safety seatbelts is the single most effective way to protect people, reduce fatalities, and lives. The proclamation further seeks to mobilize law enforcement officers to actively ensure all motor vehicles occupants to regularly use seatbelts whether short and long distance drives. Awareness and mobilization will be supported by publicity to create and spread awareness and the CNMI Click it or Ticket Enforcement Mobilization Campaign hopes to achieve that. (*Bea Cabrera*)

### » Click it or Ticket campaign starts May 15

The general location of this activity will be at Farallon De Mendinilla on a 12-nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Area W-517 Irregular Poly-Gon South of Guam comprising southwest into International waters. Agat Bay DZ on a six-nautical mile radius to 10,000 feet

tact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055/3209. Or the CNMI EOC State Warning Point at telephone number (670) 237-8000, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0 or dial CNMI 211 for this advisory. (PR)

**Lions Club health fair on April 30**  
The public is invited to the Lions Clubs International District 204 Guam CNMI Region II Annual Health Fair on April 30, 2017 from 8am to 12pm at the Mt. Carmel Dai-Dai Social Hall. The Health Fair will offer free blood pressure, sugar/glucose testing, vision check, free reading glasses, cancer and general health awareness

the woodcarving and others category and second place for the best new artist award.

For artists still sitting on the fence on joining art competitions, Bitco encourages artists to submit entries in art competitions. She was able to persuade the current second placer for the open painting category, Jesus Sulla, to submit an entry for the art competition. According to Bitco, Sulla would be joining once again next year. Sulla won \$1,000 and is tied with Rosemary Diaz for second place.

The 29-and-under category is a category that showcases the artwork submissions of participants under 29 years old. First place went to Shawn Patrick Castillon, while second went to Elina Gharti Chhetri.

The 2017 woodcarving and others category had Nick Klewei and Ryan Hulleza winning first and second place, respectively. The photography category had Hervin Jacinto and Antonio Cabrera placing first and second, respectively, while the Governor's Choice Award and the Best in Show Award went to Beatrix Susan Doyle and Emma Murray, respectively.

## Military training at FDM, W-517, Agad Bay DZ

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, in conjunction with U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (N3) Guam, would like to inform the general public that the U.S. Military Unit will be conducting Military Exercises at Farallon De Mendinilla (FDM), Area W-517 Irregular Poly-Gon South of Guam and Agat Bay DZ (Guam). The schedule dates and time are as follows:

Date	Time	Location	Unit & Training
April 24, 26, 27	9am-6pm	FDM	USAF
April 25	10am-2pm	W-517	USN
April 24, 25	6am-6:30pm	Agat Bay DZ	USN

information that will improve and maintain a healthy life style. Celebrating the 100th anniversary of Lions Clubs International we invite you to join us as we participate in continued community services throughout the world. For more information contact our local Lions Club Zone chair Mario Mayuga 285-1021. (PR)

# MHS wins People's Choice Award in Guam

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The Marianas High School's clash with other Guam schools resulted in the Dolphins securing the People's Choice Award along with placing

## Water service interruption today in Gualo Rai

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the general public that there will be a scheduled water service interruption today, April 26, from 8am to 5pm in the Gualo Rai area. Customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of water services soon thereafter.

USA Fanter, CUC's contractor for the Gualo Rai Reservoir Replacement project, will be disconnecting fittings from the temporary tanks. Upon completion of this project, customers in the Gualo Rai area will experience longer water hours and adequate water pressure.

The Gualo Rai reservoir replacement project is funded by the Department of the Interior-Office of Insular Affairs through the CNMI CIP Office.

CUC continues to work diligently to minimize any inconvenience to its customers. For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilities-Corporation/>). (CUC)

third overall in a competition held recently at the University of Guam.

The 2017 UOG Sustainability Conference and Green Dream School Competition at the Hyatt Regency Guam was a competition that aimed to interest students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math through designing a green sustainable school model.

The UOG center for sustainability program coordinator Phil Cruz announced last Thursday that the MHS Dolphinitic Architects won the People's Choice Award. The People's Choice Award is given to the design that garnered the most votes from attendees of the conference.

The MHS sustainable action plan included a maintenance plan with projected costs as the student's research showed that maintenance costs were not factored into some energy solutions implement in other schools on Saipan.

Kagman High School also represented Saipan, along with Saipan Southern High School. KHS placed fourth

while SSHS was not able to place in the rankings.

The MHS Dolphinitic Architects consists of head architect Ian Cataluna, data manager Anjenette Cubangbang, modeler facilitator Michaela Gatdula, head researcher Marie

Manebo, researcher Hajin Oh, and modeler Melissa Santos.

The Dolphinitic Architects also placed first at the 2017 CNMI Public School system Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Fair and at the 2016 UOG Green

Dream Competition.

The students presented the sustainability action plan through aerial video and PowerPoint that incorporated ingenious renovations that are not only eco-friendly, but innovative and cost-effective as well.



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MHS Dolphinitic Architects won the People's Choice Award during the 2017 UOG Sustainability Conference and Green Dream School Competition.

## KHS open enrollment, reenrollment ongoing

Kagman High School announced the start of open enrollment and reenrollment for school year 2017-2018. The school will accept enrollment and reenrollment until July.

Current KHS students were given re-registration forms at the start of the Spring break for parents to fill out and gather documents for submission.

We apologize for the an-

nual paperwork, but re-registration is critical for the school to maintain current records for communication home for outreach and/or emergencies. Re-registration is due back May 19 for optimal scheduling.

Required documents for re-registration include:

- Registration form
- Updated school entrance health certificate (the "Blue

Card" from Public Health)

- Updated medical insurance card (Medicaid or any medical insurance coverage)
- Map of residence (if location changed)
- Guardianship or power of attorney document updates (if applicable)

New registration requirements:

- Registration form

■ Official transcript (if transferring from another school or location)

- Valid school entrance health certificate (the "Blue Card" from Public Health)
- Copy of birth certificate
- Valid medical insurance card (Medicaid or any medical insurance coverage)
- Map of residence
- Guardianship or power of attorney document (if applicable)

All students who submit

their registration forms and have cleared their obligations by May 19 will receive their new schedules for the next school year on the last day of school, May 26, 2017.

Students who do not submit registration forms will not be given a schedule until the registration is complete or obligations are cleared. Obligations include library books, lunch credit, and other borrowed school resources such as textbooks or calculators. (PR)

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-009-17

**SUBMISSION DATE: MAY 24, 2017 TIME: 4:00 P.M.**

**"PROCUREMENT, DELIVERY, AND INSTALLATION OF SIX (6) ENERGY EFFICIENT COMMERCIAL AIR CONDITIONING CONDENSING UNITS AT THE BENJAMIN T. MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ROTA**

THE PROPOSAL PACKAGE IS AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, 2ND FLOOR, ARRIVAL BUILDING, SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BEGINNING APRIL 26, 2017.

PROPOSERS ARE TO SUBMIT ONE (1) ORIGINAL AND FOUR (4) COPIES IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND MARKED: "RFP FOR THE PROCUREMENT, DELIVERY, AND INSTALLATION OF 6 COMMERCIAL AIR CONDITIONERS AT THE BENJAMIN T. MANGLONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ROTA (RFP-009-17)". BIDDERS SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATIONS ALL CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROCUREMENT BEFORE FINALIZING ITS PRICE PROPOSAL.

**THE PROVISIONS OF THE CPA PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAIC SECTION §40-50-1020 AND 1025 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.**

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/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO  
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**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 9:30AM** at the BECQ 2nd Floor Main Conference Room.

**AGENDA**

**I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

- a) Call to Order
- b) Roll Call
- c) Adoption of Agenda
- d) Adoption of April 06, 2017 Meeting Minutes

**II. PERMIT APPLICATION - AMENDMENT**

1. ZEN HOMES PROJECT  
CRM Permit Application No. SMS-2017-X-039
  - a. Project Presentation
  - b. Discussion with CRM Agency Officials and DCRM Director
  - c. Permit Application Status
2. BEACH ROAD OCEAN VIEW RESORT  
CRM Permit Application No. SMS-2016-X-076
  - a. Discussion with CRM Agency Officials and DCRM Director
  - b. Permit Application Determination

**III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**IV. OTHER MATTERS**

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony regarding the above agenda items. (NOTE: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).

/s/ FRANCES A. CASTRO  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing for the proposed Saipan Housing Project by Zone D Development Ltd. dba Good Dynasty Ltd. Zone D Development Limited is proposing to construct six 3-story, single family residential dwellings, 12 parking stalls (two for each unit), lighting poles, landscaping, and 16 feet wide paved driveway or travel lanes. The project site is situated on private lot numbers 458-NEW-1, 458-NEW-2, and 458-NEW-3 measuring a total area of about 4,076 square meters in Chalan Piao, Saipan.

A public hearing is scheduled for **May 17, 2017, 5:00PM** at the BECQ Main Conference Room, 2nd Floor.

Written comments may be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, Caller Box 10007 or by fax at 664-8315. The project file is open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday thru Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects.

Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Zone D Saipan Housing project.

/s/ Frances A. Castro  
Director  
Division of Coastal Resources Management

# Pence thanks US military members during stop in Hawaii

**HONOLULU** (AP)—Vice President Mike Pence ended his trip to Asia on Monday with a thanks to U.S. service members based in Hawaii and promises of robust military spending under President Donald Trump.

Pence sat with troops for lunch at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii and noted the president's push for increased military spending at a time when the U.S. faces threats in the Asia-Pacific posed by North Korea.

The vice president said he wanted to assure military members that "in these uncertain times, people who serve here at U.S. Pacific Command will know that in your commander-in-chief, you have a president who is going to fight to rebuild our military."

Pence wrapped up a 10-day trip to Asia that included a visit to the Demilitarized Zone separating North and South Korea, consultations with leaders in South Korea, Japan, Indonesia and Australia, and



a quick stop to see troops in American Samoa.

The United States' efforts to curb North Korea's nuclear and weapons programs dominated the trip, which put Pence in Asia shortly after Kim Jong Un's regime unsuccessfully launched a ballistic missile.

For Pence, the trip offered evidence that the former governor has become one of President Donald Trump's chief emissaries on the world stage, patching up relations, reassur-

ing allies still wondering what to expect from Trump and diving into international crises like North Korea.

During the trip, Pence delivered North Korea a stern warning: that "all options are on the table" when it comes to curbing the North's nuclear ambitions. He told foreign leaders the Trump administration would seek support from its allies to pressure Pyongyang to give up its nuclear weapons and ballistic missile

programs.

Pence's early foreign travel schedule has contrasted sharply with a mostly homebound Trump, who is not scheduled to travel overseas until late May for NATO meetings in Belgium and a gathering of the Group of Seven major industrial nations in Italy. Pence partly covered that ground when he visited Germany and Belgium in February.

Trump's predecessor, Barack Obama, had visited

Vice President Mike Pence stands with his wife Karen as they pose for a photo with officials and U.S. service members during a refueling stop in Pago Pago, American Samoa, Monday, April 24, 2017. AP

at Pearl Harbor on Tuesday to return to Washington for what's expected to be a busy week on Capitol Hill with the threat of a government shutdown if there's no agreement on spending priorities.

Trump has pushed for a large increase in military spending and Pence noted during the lunch that he would be returning to Washington to work on a supplemental Pentagon funding package. The plan, while still subject to negotiations, could top \$15 billion.

"The president truly believes that the time has come for us to rebuild this military," Pence said.

## Birds, equipment issues caused B-52 bomber crash in Guam

**BISMARCK, N.D.** (AP)—An Air Force investigation has concluded that birds and mechanical issues—not pilot error—caused the crash of a B-52 bomber in Guam a year ago.

The pilot from Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota aborted takeoff during a routine training mission the morning of May 19, 2016, and caught fire after leaving the runway. None of the seven crew members were injured, but the \$112 million plane was destroyed.

The pilot saw birds in the area during takeoff at the same time that cockpit instruments indicated a loss of thrust necessary to get the plane aloft, Air Force Global Strike Command said in a recent statement about the results of its investigation. It isn't known whether there was an actual bird strike.

"I don't think they found any evidence, but the plane was burned up," Global Strike Command spokeswoman Carla Pampe said Monday.

The pilot aborted takeoff, and when the plane landed its drag chute failed and the plane's brake limits were exceeded, officials said.

"The speed of the aircraft was basically too fast" for the equipment to work properly, Pampe said. The mechanical problems do not indicate any larger issues among the B-52 fleet, she said.

Pampe also said the pilot "followed the technical orders for the indications that the pilot had."

The bomber was assigned to the 69th Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, which is part of the 5th Bomb Wing at Minot Air Force Base. It was deployed to Guam as part of the military's continuous bomber presence in the Asia-Pacific region. Guam is a U.S. territory 3,700 miles southwest of Hawaii.

Minot Air Force Base declined comment on the report, referring a call to Global Strike Command.

## Guam Seawalker Tours takes Håfa Adai Pledge

individual pledges. To date, over 700 private businesses,

government agencies, nonprofits and other organizations

have joined the Håfa Adai Pledge program. *(PR)*



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The Guam Visitors Bureau welcome Guam Seawalker Tours to the Håfa Adai Pledge program. The first underwater Håfa Adai Pledge ceremony took place Tuesday, April 18 at Fish Eye Marine Park in Piti.

She cited that increased revenues for PSS would enable it to better achieve its goals and missions as established by law. But in addition to the efforts being done to include minimum guaranteed budget of 25 percent, school officials are requesting that the appropriation be non-reprogrammable for other purposes. PSS is asking that any unexpended funds at the end of the fiscal year be carried over to the following year.

officials, board of education officers and members, and school principals attended the workshop. Today's session will include some teachers from various schools in the Commonwealth

### April 26, 2006

#### DPW eyes early start on Cross-Island Project

The Department of Public Works is aiming for an early start on the Cross-Island Project, a \$12-\$16 million highway construction project at the back road. DPW Secretary Jose S. Demapan told the Saipan Tribune that the architecture and structural engineering design for the first phase of the project is ongoing and almost complete. Demapan said DPW and Henry K. Pangilinan Engineering Co., which is doing the design for phase one, are targeting September this year to start construction work. "We hope we can complete the design early so we can start the construction for phase one by September or August," he said.

Under the federally-funded Cross-Island Project, a three-lane highway will be constructed from San Vicente round house all the way up to Capitol Hill.

#### Fund investments up at \$446.8M

The NMI Retirement Fund's total stock market investments are valued at \$446.8 million as of March 31 this year—a nearly \$5-million growth in three months.

This is about a 13-percent increase compared with the same period last year. Fund administrator Karl T. Reyes said that, from \$442 million in January this year, the value rose to \$446.8 million by the end of the first quarter of 2006. Investments value reported during the first quarter of 2005 was at the \$394 million level. The Fund's large capital equities represent 50 percent of its investment, while small cap represents 13 percent. International equities and fixed income represent 13 percent each.

## Flashback A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

### April 26, 2000

#### NMI banks fail to meet industry standards on loan deposit ratio

Not only does restriction on land ownership here hampers the growth of the real estate market in the Northern Marianas, the issue also impedes the ability of private banks to reach the industry's target loan to deposit ratio. Records obtained from the Department of Commerce disclosed that the average loan to deposit ratio in the Northern Marianas is below 50 percent, a figure that is far lower than the local industry standards. According to the Saipan Bankers' Association, the target loan to deposit ratio in the Northern Marianas is 70 percent, which is lower than the Guam banking industry's standard of 80 percent. Restrictions on land ownership on the island, as guaranteed by Article 12 in the CNMI Constitution, topped the very few reasons cited by bank officials in the industry's failure to meet the standard 70 percent loan to deposit ratio.

#### Public backs 10 percent budget increase for PSS

The public yesterday expressed support to the Legislature's proposed initiative to increase 10 percent the Public School System's yearly appropriation from its current 15 percent share in the CNMI government's budget. At a public hearing by the House Committee on Education yesterday, Education Commissioner Rita H. Inos offered her support for the legislation.

### April 26, 2005

#### Firms brace for increased LPG prices

With the looming increase in liquefied petroleum gas prices, some commercial establishments are already bracing for its anticipated impact on the cost of doing business. By May 1, Saipan Industrial Gas Inc. will implement price increases that will peg the price of 90-lbs LPGs at \$79 each at delivery rate, higher by \$4 than the current price of \$75. Pickup rate will increase from \$72 to \$75. For 40-lbs LPGs, the prices will increase by \$6 per tank. Beginning May 1, delivery rate will become \$45, while pickup rate will increase to \$42. The new prices for 20-lbs LPGs will increase by \$2 and will become \$25 and \$22. Saipan Industrial Gas Inc. general manager Dionisio Lopez projected that the average price of a 90-lbs LPG would be \$77, higher than the 2004 average price of \$70.

#### PSS 'moving in the right direction on student learning'

Schoolteachers should not only teach nowadays but ensure that students learn and are not left behind. This was one of the focus subjects in this week's workshop for education officials and educators. Public School System officials and principals held a two-day workshop on "The Role of Assessment in Improving Student Learning." The workshop started Monday and education



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## EDITORIAL

### What's wrong with faster deportations? Ask this Dreamer

If there were ever a cautionary tale about the perils of speeding immigrant deportations, it's the case of Juan Manuel Montes, a 23-year-old Dreamer from the California border town of Calexico.

Last week his attorneys filed a lawsuit arguing that U.S. Customs and Border Protection in February wrongly deported Montes, who has protected immigration status — a first under the Trump administration. They want the federal government to turn over records that explain why.

"Rather than continue to provide half-truths and varying assertions, the Department of Homeland Security should respond to our request for documentation," Nora Preciado, an attorney with the National Immigration Law Center, told USA Today. "We will see them in court."

Since then, things have gotten, well, messy.

At issue is Montes' enrollment in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, which shields people brought to the United States as children from deportation.

President Donald Trump has pledged to uphold DACA, saying of enrollees in January: "They shouldn't be very worried. I do have a big heart." Not that immigration advocates believe it.

From the beginning, Montes has said he is enrolled. But on the night he was arrested, waiting for a ride after spending an evening with his girlfriend, he left his wallet in a friend's car and couldn't provide Border Patrol with proof of his DACA status.

The agents refused to let him retrieve it. Instead, Montes, who has a learning disability, says he was told to sign paperwork that he didn't understand. Then, within three hours, he was back in Mexico. Immigration officers released him into Mexicali.

Homeland Security officials disputed that story, saying they couldn't find paperwork proving that Montes was covered by DACA. Then the agency backtracked, admitting that his status is indeed valid until 2018.

But in another wrinkle, immigration officials now say Montes left the United States voluntarily, which could invalidate his DACA status. Montes, of course, disputes that.

About the only thing both sides can agree on is that, after arriving in Mexico, Montes tried to cross the border again but was caught and deported back to Mexicali days later.

For now, it looks like the truth will be sorted out in court. Coincidentally, the case has been assigned to U.S. District Judge Gonzalo Curiel, who Trump, as a candidate, outrageously accused of bias because of his "Mexican heritage."

This is what happens when the deportation process gets rushed. And yet the Trump administration, eager to remove millions of immigrants as quickly as possible, is trying to speed things up even more.

Last month, the Justice Department said it was planning to reassign immigration judges to 12 cities with large

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## About sexism

By TIBERIU DIANU  
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

**D**uring an office discussion, I ascertained the fact that nowadays (in America, not so much in Europe, although Europe is catching up) if you, as a man, help a lady in the train, bus or plain, to put her luggage in the overhead bin, your gesture could be interpreted as a sign of flirtation. My remark was quickly intercepted by a liberal female voice, who chided me: "You cannot THINK that! That's sexist!" Wait a minute! I cannot think that? Since when courtesy has become banned? Oh, because it puts women "in an inferior position" and that's bad. Now I get it!

During another discussion, when I heard a woman cursing "like a man" (that is, referring to certain external male genitalia), and I commented afterwards that she cursed "worse than many men," the same voice snubbed me: "You cannot SAY that! That's sexist!" Seriously? So, here is where we are now?! Will we be allowed to utter further sentences with any scintilla of comparison between genders from now on?

Recently, Bill O'Reilly, the man responsible with skyrocketing the FOX NEWS CHANNEL's ratings in the last 20 years, has been deposed under allegations of sexual misconduct (some of them not even part of a formal complaint). [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill\\_O%27Reilly\\_\(political\\_commentator\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_O%27Reilly_(political_commentator))

So far, no allegation has been proven in any court of law. What has ever happened with the "innocent until proven guilty" principle?

My impression is that feminists want to have it both ways. So, it's okay to be a woman ("hear me roar") who advances in career using sex-related (oops, I mean, gender-related) "techniques" to gain favors. But it's not okay to be "sexually harassed" while using the same "techniques." Right?

If this is the case, can men also sue for sexual arousal? In fact, Ronald Reagan's son, Michael, defended Mr. O'Reilly, using this particular argument. He referenced one of the allegations against the political commentator, who called a black woman "hot chocolate" and suggested that women invite attention by how they dress. <https://www.yahoo.com/news/ronald-reagans-son-defends-oreilly-asks-men-sue-sexual-arousal-195343802.html>

How about this: each legal complaint of sexual harassment should not be disjoint from counter-complaints of sexual arousal. Don't get me wrong, this should apply irrespective of plaintiff's gender. Sexual arousal can be probed as efficiently as sexual harassment, with documents, testimonials, and the like. And then, let the court decide.

Or, even better: how about passing a new statute making sexual arousal a cause to decriminalize sexual harassment? Can you imagine how many sexual harassment claims would be dropped or, to start with, not even filed?

As it happens, liberals are more concerned with these things, and they quickly go for the jugular if someone crosses the invisible and gradual line between sexual advances, flirting, flattery, compliments, and courtesy. Women know this much: if you want

to be treated like a lady, you act and dress accordingly. But then again, a woman can choose not to act or dress like a lady, and then sue. Society's current standards, imbued with political correctness, allow her to do just that.

During the infamous Lewinsky sex scandal, I haven't heard any high-ranking democrat, or The National Organization for Women, or any other relevant liberal feminist organization, going ballistic to impeach President Clinton. Back then, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, a Trump-hater and currently the campaign chief for his impeachment, was as quiet as a mouse. People like her were not at all bothered by Billy Boy's deviant sexual behavior, which was notorious and proven beyond a reasonable doubt. The justification: "C'mon, it's just sex!" <http://www.rightgrrl.com/justaboutsex.html>

But even before, no liberal organization demanded Clinton's resignation in spite of his numerous sexual harassment activities against other women. Having him disbarred was just a palliative remedy.

More recently, on March 8, 2017, during the International Women's Day, similar liberal feminist groups orchestrated a "Day Without a Woman" protest in Washington, DC. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Day\\_Without\\_a\\_Woman](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Day_Without_a_Woman)

A day without a woman... hmm... Can I pick and choose the woman? Can it be Rosie O'Donnell? Or Madonna? Or at least Maxine Waters?

In fact, this was a general strike day against the Trump administration's policies. The organizers encouraged women to refrain from working, spending money (or shop only at small women- and minority-owned businesses) – much to the chagrin of shopaholics - and to wear red as a sign of solidarity. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kd\\_XRyYya\\_k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kd_XRyYya_k)

At the end of the day, the impact of this action remained limited. [http://www.americanthinker.com/cartoons/2017/03/3\\_11\\_2017\\_2\\_6.html](http://www.americanthinker.com/cartoons/2017/03/3_11_2017_2_6.html)

In fact, it proved to be inversely proportional to its level of noise pollution, comparable to the one exhibited during the January 21, 2017 anti-Trump Women's March. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q2R2btO4MEo>

What is sickening to me is how liberals manage so hypocritically to impose to conservatives standards of behavior higher than their own. Which leads us to a simple conclusion: in reality, sexism is just as anti-feminist as feminism claims to be anti-sexist. <http://i.imgur.com/eY2nxDI.jpg>

As it stands, sexism is an ugly child of feminism, while feminism has become its ugly mother. <http://twitchy.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/feminism.jpg>

So, what type of society are we heading to?

A society of feminists against "meninists"? <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/womens-life/11380282/Feminists-v-Meminists-The-labels-we-could-all-afford-ditch.html>

Or a matriarchate with an urge for enforcing rules of emasculation?

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## Lisensian casino

**T**odu areglun lai mana` guaha fitme na aseguridat na makomple i intension para i tautau. Mauleg taahas-su haf` achamauleg un` lisensian casino ni mana`e Best Sunshine pat dos na lisensia `nai guaha otru bisnis casino.

I unu na lisensia dañkulu na piniligru u mafañagu yangin ti siña i Best Sunshine ha kubre obligasioña gi papa` i lai. Lau `nai dos na lisensia, libianu i otru ha kubre finatsun i otru. Presisu na tapofña este na asuntun gi mansabiu hegsu` I Deni`. Asuntun aseguridat! Libianu makubre kontodu hinemu` yan edukasion guine.

**Kuttura:** Ta diseseha bien felis yan motmut minagof i selebrasian kutturan Chamorro ni ma-abibiba pa`gu na semana giya Luta.

Propiu i lugat sa` iya Luta `nai gaige i fitme na pisun liñguahua, kuttura yan tradision Chamorro desde antigua na tiempu.

Kumeke ileghu na maseha manhalum nasion siha guine desde tiempon Espanol kanaha` ti ma-estotba iya Luta gi mattirun fuetsau siha otdin tinilaika ginen kada nasion. Poresu na sumaga fitme kuttura yan liñguahua guihue na gatbon petlas.

Hu sen agradesi lokue` ayudun tiuhu as Tom Mendiola `an guaha dinidahu pot liñguahua sino hinanau manantigu na mañainata. Bien felisitasian para todus i manpattisipau guine na okasion.

**Kompleaños:** `Nai manmatayu` gi ma`pos na Huebes hu komple 68 años. Ti listuyu` sumelebra i ha`ane. Hu tutuhun gi tinayuyot dispues hu atan tatte un` ratu finaposhu.

Mampos barañka na katsada `nai malofanyu` gi pinatgon-hu. Esta mamatus-yu` gi halum te`ug na sadog miserapblen pineapple. Megai besis `nai hu totpe ñalañg `nai hu kahlañgyu` gi uttimo hilun esperansa.

Maseha sumen makat ayu siha na tiempu mas ha simientu

sensian miinetgut i para bai upus ayu na katsada. Felis adumidi-di` hinanau-hu ginen sattun na akonsehun mañaina-hu gi halum un` sumen popble na guma`. In` chahlau i mantaya` mame kumu solo guinahan mame.

Maseha felis offisioghu dispues, gaige tadtug gi konsensiag-hu ekun finana` guen hinimiddi yan integredat. Tumachuyu` gi dos pisu ya hu tatiye luserun sankattan. Deste ayu fitme dispositionhu kontodu asuntun linahyan siha guine na petlas.

**Hombre:** Hu totpi un` professot finu` Chamoru ni umespli-liku finu` natibu gi finu` Eñglis. Era, naufragu i prohimu gi liñguahua mismu. Hu konsiderera haf` mohon na finu` Chamoru hafanana`gue. Kabales pat puru entut? Hombre, na lagse finu` Chamoruru finenina antes de un` chalegu` sikosmu! Muñga mafa` champuladu i atulin te`ug.

**Kantan Natibu:** Fuera de asuntun guinaiya, i kantan natibu gai tinatte desde antigua na tiempu. Guaha man-ma`ug na esta pa`gu sessu takanta. Ha inklusu "I Mañaina-mu", "Ti Gi Un` Palasyon Riku", "Gi Talu` Gi Halom Tasi", "Nobia Yangin Para Un` Hanau", "Eskatminan Guinaiya" yan otru siha sunidu.

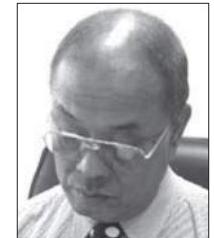
Mana` fan man-hahassu hit pot sattun na saina sakrifisio gi famaguon, mañge` na lugat islata siha, bendision saina, yan fehman na guinaiya.

Kontodu pot satbasion mana` sesetbi kanta para u machalapun infotmasion gi halum natibu antes. Hu huñgog lokue` fina` kanta `nai sin konbetsasion hana` tuñgu` i lahe i palao`an haf` gaige gi hinasoña. Siñia kumonbetsasion modun amares para u atulaika sentimentu.

Hu huñgog siha mafanana`an kanta Chamorro na tiempu. Inipos poble sustansia na esta hu faien maisayu` kau ayu ha`china nina` siñan natibu. Unu ilelegña, "I Chamoru, I Chamoru, I Chamoru..." sinparat. Taya` otru mamenti guihue na fina` esalau. I otru matai "lamuna, lamuna, lamuna, tafan baila". Kau gaige

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lamayot defektu i popble na kinemprenden mismu liñguahita? Na ti dididi` kulan diskuidu este?

**Solemn Na Saludu:** Para i amiguhu Kevin Atalig, un` solemni na despedida yan sinsiyu na agradesimientu pot un` pega gi pachot yan talañgan tautau-ta mensahen inadahe: Lachachai. U pañgpañg ekun kantamu para apmam na tiempu kulan pinegan lastru gi hatdin para bai`n e`ekuñgog gi karera mona. Bien felis yan si Yuus un` binendise. Si Iku.

**Minala`et:** Gi hilu` sensian hinimiddi siempre un` saluda prohimu-mu kumu achaigua-mu dimas de un` pohne. Magahet na makat para ta pañot sensian banida. Haf` taimanu un` adelanta hinimiddi giya hagu?

Muñga mamidi sino pesa haf` na guiya suette ya ti hagu. Fanna`e mit gracia yan bendision puede bira birada siña hinassu hau dididi`. Sensian betgansa yan imbidiu sumen tailaye giya hita mismu.

Para un` pohne i otru sumen tailaye na cho`chu. Dispues `an suette-gue` mas mauleg para hagu sa` ti u fattu mangagau ayudun miserapble. Na`e sinsiyu na bendision puede hagu lokue` un` sosoda` dispues suettemu ginen gasgas intension-mu.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thy people shall... 'not'?

A reader commenting on my political status article in this paper really got my curiosity up. He mentioned NMD, and I figured he was born here, but grew up on Guam. He said that although he was born here, he was not an NMD. I ask, how is that possible? How does his situation add up? Was the comment writer born here before 1950? I notice he is using a Guamanian coin word "Magahaga." The writer said his "greatma" was from Chuuk and that she probably would not be happy if she was designated a "Refaluasch" because of her Chuukese lineage of the Namunito atoll. Refaluasch means "our country men," people who "belong" attributable to those "Saipanese Carolinians" who were born and grew up here. "Re-falu-asch" is like the African-American calling each other "Blood," or like "Yo' Blood." That means that you belong to a group, or a race, the "in-group."

Even then, I'm still happy with those statements. So, the comment writer was born here but that he was not an NMD. Seems like he is saying that because he was not an NMD, he doesn't "belong." O.k., reasonable enough. To each his own. And it dawned on me, then, that the feeling of that writer "Magahaga" that he did not belong, born on Saipan, but not an NMD, runs counter to a similar sentiment of a Moabite lady of biblical an-

tiquity. Just the opposite. The lady was on Moab (now Jordan) who married a man from Bethlehem of Judea, Mahlon, son of Elimelech and Naomi, as mentioned in the Megillot. I guess the story is accepted by the Catholic Church because it is carried in the Catholic Encyclopedia.

Well, many years ago, in Israel, when Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated and Jordan King Hussein of the Hashemite Kingdom was invited to attend Rabin's funeral, he brought up the story of this Moabite lady, and the king talked about the relationship between this lady and her Hebrew in-laws of Bethlehem of Judea, and how when this widow was urged by her mother-in-law, Naomi of Bethlehem, to return to her Moabite family and re-marry, but the widow responded to her mother-in-law in this way. She said, "Why do you entreat me to leave you, to return from following you?" The Moabite widow continued: For whither thou goest, I will go; whither thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and your God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried; and may the Lord deal with me be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." The verse was held by the Hebrew as a symbol of abiding loyalty and devotion, a feeling of love just a bit closer to agape, the love of Jesus for the disciples. The Moabite lady, later, married Boaz, the cousin of her late husband Mahlon. She bore a child Obed. Obed had a son Jesse. And Jesse got a son David who became King of Israel. Thus, this Moabite lady became the grandmother of King David of Israel. And the lady's name was Ruth. The biblical Ruth. Many hundreds of years later, 1954, that very biblical verse was picked out of the Old Testament Book of Ruth and converted into a song made popular by Les Paul and Mary Ford, as well as by Perry Como. The title is "Whither thou goest." And it made the Billboard 100 Chart in 1950s. And so, my friend Magahaga, even if you feel that you don't belong, you do, thus, to me you are a Saipanese through and through, and I am a part Chuukese of Elato, too. And what of the Biblical Ruth? She now belongs to the universe.

**Rudy M. Sablan**  
Garapan

### Forever grateful

Julita Concepcion Crisostomo, aka Julie, our mother is a

breast cancer survivor who had kidney failure due to some of her cancer treatments. She is a fighter, the strongest person we know. She's undergone chemotherapy as well as radiation treatments for her cancer and then peritoneal dialysis, which eventually had to be replaced with hemodialysis while waiting for a kidney transplant.

She had been under medical treatment for over seven years waiting for this time. Last Monday, April 24 (Arizona time), which is Tuesday, April 25 (CNMI time), a match was found and she had undergone the transplant surgery. As per doctors the surgery was successful and doctors are optimistic that kidneys will function properly. Her recovery time frame can be from 4-6 weeks, our family has set up a go fund me account to help with medical expenses incurred through the whole entire transplant process. We extend our heartfelt thanks as well as our sincerest condolences to the donor's families on the loss of their loved one. This would not be possible without that donor's choice to be an organ donor. We are forever grateful.

To make a donation you can go to this link <http://www.gofundme.com/cancer-survivor-kidney-transplant>

From our dad Francisco DLG Crisostomo (Sinbon), J.J. and Sam Salas (Julia, Smed, Blair Techur, Janece and John Joseph), Verna Crisostomo and Wayne Techur (Ethan), Franklin Crisostomo (K.J., Kia, Franklin Jr., Felipe, and Cesario), and Joel and Pamela Crisostomo (Jeyanna and Peyton) thank you and *Dan Kulu Na Si Yuus Ma'ase*.

**Samantha Salas**  
*Via email*

### Proud fellow exchange student

I read with great interest your article, "Ayuyu is mag's exec of the year" posted on Jan. 23, 2017. Jose and I were friends while we were AFS exchange students in North Dakota in 1970-1971. I am eager to contact him and would appreciate your help very much.

**Yukio Nakatani**  
*Via email*

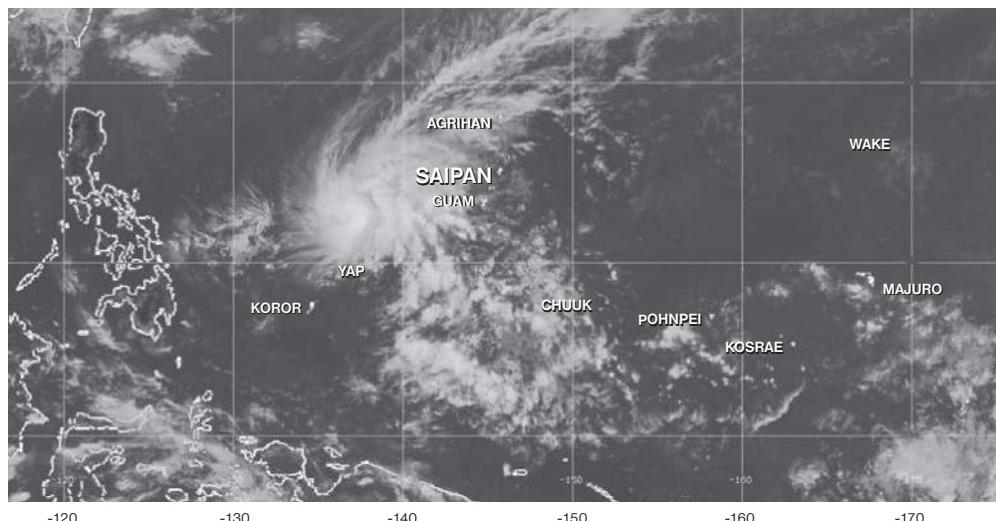
# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy early with showers developing later in the day.	Mostly cloudy skies early will become partly cloudy later in the day.	Sunshine and clouds mixed.	Scattered thunderstorms in the morning. Partly cloudy skies late.	Intervals of clouds and sunshine.

**▲ 86° ▾ 78°** **▲ 86° ▾ 78°** **▲ 86° ▾ 79°** **▲ 86° ▾ 79°** **▲ 86° ▾ 78°**

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



## PICTURE TIME: 6:00 AM, TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Latest satellite imagery shows a tropical depression about 400 miles southwest of Guam and moving slowly west-northwestward. Pockets of moisture associated with this system has been moving mainly toward Guam and bringing scattered showers. Lesser rain was occurring over the CNMI. As has been the case for the last few days, the GFS remains wetter than the ECMWF. The wetter forecast for Guam was correct today, but probably not as much for the other Marianas Islands. Based on the available moisture and looking at satellite trends and other available data, the only significant change that was made to the forecast was to extend scattered showers into Tuesday morning. Beyond that, the guidance continues to diverge and have left the forecast unchanged for now with shower and thunderstorm chances becoming more isolated as the week progresses.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

MICRONEASIA	▲	▼	°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	87	79 °F
Palau	Partly Cloudy	86	78 °F
Yap	Partly Cloudy	89	71 °F
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	86	80 °F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85	78 °F
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85	80 °F
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85	80 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲	▼	°F
Auckland	Sunny	68	57 °F
Beijing	Sunny	75	47 °F
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	81	72 °F
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	85	71 °F
London	Sunny	53	35 °F
Los Angeles	Sunny	82	63 °F
Manila	Sunny	95	80 °F
Melbourne	Windy	54	49 °F
Miami	Mostly Sunny	83	74 °F
New York	Cloudy	62	57 °F
Osaka	Rain	65	55 °F
Paris	Mostly Sunny	54	33 °F
Pusan	Cloudy	74	52 °F
Rome	Windy	69	57 °F
Salem	Light Rain	54	43 °F
San Francisco	Cloudy	62	53 °F
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	67	43 °F
Tokyo	Cloudy	68	55 °F
Washington, DC	Overcast	68	57 °F



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TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY FEET		
1:19 AM	LOW TIDE	0.44
7:08 AM	HIGH TIDE	2.07
1:48 PM	LOW TIDE	0.06
8:04 PM	HIGH TIDE	2.06

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:56 AM	6:33 PM
Thursday	5:55 AM	6:33 PM
Friday	5:55 AM	6:33 PM
Saturday	5:54 AM	6:34 PM
Sunday	5:54 AM	6:34 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	5:37 AM	6:20 PM	-
Thursday	6:28 PM	7:22 PM	-
Friday	7:22 AM	8:26 PM	-
Saturday	8:18 AM	9:29 PM	-
Sunday	9:17 AM	10:30 PM	-

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MARCH 25, 2017

DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS		
<b>SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)</b>			<b>GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN</b>		
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA6393	2:45am
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm
<b>SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)</b>			<b>GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)</b>		
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm
<b>ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)</b>			<b>ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN</b>		
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm
<b>SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)</b>			<b>NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN</b>		
DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily	DL298	10:25am
<b>SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)</b>			<b>SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN</b>		
TW308	2:35am	6:25am	Daily	LJ651	8:25am
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1	ZE581	10:15am
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	10:10am
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm
LJ652	3:10pm	7:05pm	Daily	TW307	8:15pm
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily	OZ625	8:20pm
ZE582	4:25pm	8:35pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm
<b>SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)</b>			<b>BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN</b>		
7C3451	2:55am	6:10am	1, 7	7C3452	8:30pm
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:00pm
7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	4, 5	7C3452	9:35pm
<b>SAIPAN-JEJU (CJU)</b>			<b>JEJU (CJU)-SAIPAN</b>		
7C3433	3:55am	7:30am	3, 7	7C3434	10:05pm
<b>SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)</b>			<b>SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN</b>		
3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm
<b>SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)</b>			<b>BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN</b>		
MU764	1:30am	6:50am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm
<b>SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)</b>			<b>GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN</b>		
3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6	3U8645	7:50pm
<b>SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)</b>			<b>MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN</b>		
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:50am	1 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:30pm
UA6394/191					

# Business

## Wells Fargo to face irritated shareholders at annual meeting

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.

(AP)—Wells Fargo's top management and board of directors will face irritated investors Tuesday for the first big shareholder meeting since the scandal over the bank's sales practices led to an executive shake-up, fines and a dented reputation.

The bank has changed the way it pays branch employees, reclaimed promised compensation to several executives and apologized to customers after regulators imposed \$185 million in fines last September. Authorities said Wells Fargo workers opened up to 2 million accounts without customer permission as employees tried to meet aggressive sales goals.

It's likely that Wells Fargo's top management will apologize to shareholders—a new, and arguably more patient, audience—following apologies already given to customers and employees. CEO Tim Sloan, who got that job in Oc-



In this July 14, 2014, file photo, a man passes by a Wells Fargo bank in Oakland, Calif. AP

two large California pension funds have come out against Wells Fargo's board.

Another issue will be shareholder proposals. Wells' board has advised shareholders to vote against at least two proposals that the proxy firms endorsed. One of them calls for yet another internal investigation into the bank's sales practices.

The board will likely lean on its investigation, which said that both Stumpf and Tolstedt, when presented with the growing problems in the community banking division, were unwilling to hear criticism. It rescinded \$47.3 million in stock options to Tolstedt, on top of \$19 million the board had already clawed back. It took back \$28 million more from Stumpf's compensation, on top of \$41 million already clawed back.

Along with the millions taken back from other executives earlier this year, the roughly \$180 million in clawbacks are among the largest in U.S. corporate history. Wells Fargo has also said it will pay \$142 million to customers for damages caused by any accounts opened without their permission, and expand its window for unauthorized accounts back to May 1, 2002.

## GM appeal of ignition switch ruling rejected by high court

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—The Supreme Court on Monday turned away an appeal from General Motors Co. seeking to block dozens of lawsuits over faulty ignition switches that one plaintiffs' attorney said could expose the company to billions of dollars in additional claims.

The justices without comment left in place a lower court ruling that said the automaker's 2009 bankruptcy did not shield it from liability in the cases.

An attorney representing hundreds of plaintiffs who are suing the company said it exposes GM to around 1,000 additional lawsuits and \$5 billion to \$10 billion in liabilities. GM said the cases will have to be tried on individual merits.

A federal appeals court ruled last year that GM remains responsible for ignition-switch injuries and deaths that occurred pre-bankruptcy because the company knew about the problem for more than a decade but kept it secret from the bankruptcy court and owners of cars with the faulty switches. The decision also

opens GM to claims that any of those cars sold by the company prior to bankruptcy lost value because of the ignition-switch scandal.

The company had argued that well-established bankruptcy law allowed the newly reorganized GM to obtain the old company's assets "free and clear" of liabilities.

GM recalled 2.6 million small cars worldwide in 2014 to replace defective switches that played a role in at least 124 deaths and 275 injuries, according to a victims' fund set up by GM and administered by attorney Kenneth Feinberg. The switches could unexpectedly switch from the "run" position to "off" or "accessory," shutting off the engine and knocking out air bags and the power-assisted steering and power brakes.

The automaker has paid nearly \$875 million to settle death and injury claims related to the switches. That includes \$600 million from Feinberg's fund and \$275 million to settle 1,385 separate claims. It also has paid \$300 million to settle shareholder lawsuits.

tobor, has repeatedly talked of making things right with customers. Whether the changes will be enough—Wells has seen a sharp decline in new customers and remains under investigation by various authorities—is a main issue to be decided Tuesday.

Wells Fargo's executives are expected to face calls for their ouster. Shareholder proposals call for an overhaul of the bank's corporate governance as well as more investigations

into the pressure-filled corporate culture that some bank employees say pushed them to open the fake accounts.

An investigation by the bank's own board of directors, released earlier this month, found that the problems at Wells Fargo and its overly aggressive sales culture date back at least 15 years, and that executives had little interest in dealing with the issue until it spiraled out of control. It also clawed back another \$75 million in pay from

former CEO John Stumpf and former community bank executive Carrie Tolstedt, saying both dragged their feet for years about the problems.

The big item to watch Tuesday will be whether Wells Fargo shareholders oust the board. Two major proxy advisory firms have advised shareholders to vote out at least some of the directors. One firm, Institutional Shareholder Services, is basically asking investors to clean house. Even

## Trump's tax plan could face a budget deficit challenge

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—President Donald Trump plans to stick with his campaign pledge to slash the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 15 percent, but the dramatic cut raises a problematic question for the White House: How can the president deliver the "massive" tax cut he promised without also blowing a massive hole in the budget?

A senior administration official confirmed the planned reduction to corporate rates, speaking on condition of anonymity in order to discuss details of the plan the president is expected to unveil Wednesday.

Most outside economic analyses say the type of tax cuts being promoted by Trump would likely fuel even larger

deficits for a federal government already projected to see its debt steadily rise. They are also unlikely to generate Trump's ambitious promised growth rate of 3 percent a year, roughly double the 1.6 percent growth achieved last year. These two factors are related because the Trump administration is counting on faster economic growth to produce additional tax revenues that could then close the deficit. The concept was popularized as "trickle-down" economics.

The problem is that the economy can't grow quickly enough to cover the likely hole in the deficit.

"There's no pure tax cut that pays for itself," said Alan Cole, an economist at the

right-leaning Tax Foundation.

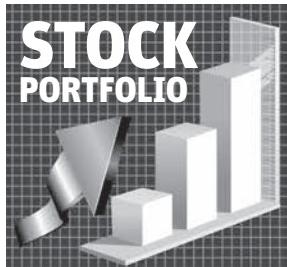
Trump has promised to release the outlines of his tax plan Wednesday and has said the plan would give Americans a tax cut bigger than "any tax cut ever." During the campaign, he backed cutting the corporate tax rate and the personal income tax rate to 33 percent from a top marginal rate of 39.6 percent.

Although he did not disclose details, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said Monday the lower tax rates would generate so much economic growth that it would hold the deficit in check.

"The tax reform will pay for itself with economic growth," Mnuchin said at the White House news briefing, adding

that the overhaul would ideally let someone file taxes on a "large postcard."

By running the risk of higher deficits, the Trump plan could damage the credibility of Republican lawmakers who spent years railing against the rising national debt under former President Barack Obama. Trump could also make it harder to pass lasting tax reform, since any policy that increases the debt above its baseline either requires Democratic support or—if passed by a slim majority of Republicans in the Senate—would expire in a decade. The House Republican tax blueprint tried to offset the lower rates by introducing a new tax system that applies to imports.



### LEADING INDICATORS

**DOW**  
20,763.89  
+216.13  
1.05%

**S&P**  
2,374.15  
+25.46  
1.08%

**NASDAQ**  
5,983.82  
+73.30  
1.24%

In U.S. dollar terms

### EXCHANGE RATES

Australian Dollar	<b>1.3233</b>	Hong Kong Dollar	<b>7.7816</b>	Russian Ruble	<b>55.7027</b>
British Pound	<b>0.7814</b>	Indian Rupee	<b>64.285</b>	Singapore Dollar	<b>1.3922</b>
Canadian Dollar	<b>1.3557</b>	Japanese Yen	<b>110.141</b>	South Korean Won	<b>1125.9</b>
Chinese Yuan	<b>6.8851</b>	Malaysian Ringgit	<b>4.377</b>	Swiss Franc	<b>0.9956</b>
Euro	<b>0.92</b>	New Zealand Dollar	<b>1.4309</b>	Taiwan Dollar	<b>30.123</b>
		Philippine Peso	<b>49.67</b>	Thailand Baht	<b>34.35</b>

# Nation

## Trump backs away from demand for border wall money

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—President Donald Trump stepped back Monday from demanding a down payment for his border wall in must-pass spending legislation, potentially removing a major obstacle to a bipartisan deal just days ahead of a government shutdown deadline.

Trump told a gathering of around 20 conservative media reporters Monday evening that he would be willing to return to the wall funding issue in September, according to two people who were in the room. They spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the get-together, which was not originally intended to be on the record.

The border wall money is fiercely opposed by Democrats, whose votes are needed to pass the government-wide spending legislation that comes due Friday at midnight. The wall is also unpopular with many Republicans, and GOP negotiators on Capitol Hill were uneasy about the clash over the wall potentially sparking a government shutdown.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York, who has a key role providing Democratic votes to pass the legislation, welcomed Trump's reported



AP

President Donald Trump waves as he heads back to the White House in Washington, Friday, April 21, 2017, after signing an executive order to review tax regulations set last year by his predecessor, as well as two memos to potentially reconsider major elements of the 2010 Dodd-Frank financial reforms passed in the wake of the Great Recession at the Treasury Department.

shift on the wall.

"It's good for the country that President Trump is taking the wall off the table in these negotiations," Schumer said late Monday. "Now the bipartisan and bicameral negotiators can continue working on the outstanding issues."

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi of California

said, "The president's comments this evening are welcome news given the bipartisan opposition to the wall, and the obstacle it has been to the continuing bipartisan negotiations in the appropriations committees."

The wall was the most pressing issue confronting lawmakers as they returned

from a two-week spring recess to face a critical deadline. Congress must pass a \$1 trillion catch-all spending bill to pay for all agencies of government or trigger a partial shutdown Saturday, which happens to coincide with the 100th day of Trump's presidency.

"I'm optimistic. I don't

think anybody wants a shutdown," Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., said as he exited a meeting of GOP leadership. "The White House and basically the minority leaders of the House and Senate have to have some level of agreement on the things that you're adding."

The negotiations over the spending bill took center stage Monday despite a separate White House push for fast action to revive health care legislation to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act. After signaling last week that they hoped for a vote as soon as this week on a rewritten health bill, White House officials softened their stance Monday. Echoing the

views of House GOP leaders, White House press secretary Sean Spicer said there would be a vote on health care legislation when House leaders count the 216 votes needed to pass it.

"I think we want to make sure that we've got the votes and we're headed in the right direction before putting some artificial deadline," Spicer said.

Trump and House Speaker Paul Ryan were embarrassed last month when they had to pull their "Obamacare" replacement bill off the floor without a vote as it became clear it would fail. Since then leaders of conservative and moderate factions in the House have been negotiating on a compromise allowing states to opt out of certain "Obamacare" requirements, and they appear to be making progress, although legislative text had not been finalized as of Monday.

The original GOP bill eliminated many of the "Obamacare" mandates, offered skimpier subsidies for consumers to buy care and rolled back a Medicaid expansion. Conservatives balked, saying it didn't go far enough.

## Arkansas executes 2 inmates on the same gurney, hours apart

**VARNER, Ark.** (AP)—Two inmates received lethal injections on the same gurney Monday night about three hours apart as Arkansas completed the nation's first double execution since 2000, just days after the state ended a nearly 12-year hiatus on administering capital punishment.

While the first inmate, Jack Jones, was executed on schedule, shortly after 7 p.m., attorneys for the second, Marcel Williams, convinced a federal judge minutes later to briefly delay his punishment over concerns about how the earlier one was carried out. They

claimed Jones gasped for air, an account the state's attorney general denied, but the judge lifted her stay about an hour later and Williams was pronounced dead at 10:33 p.m..

Initially, Gov. Asa Hutchinson scheduled four double executions over an 11-day period in April. The eight executions would have been the most by a state in such a compressed period since the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty in 1976. The state said the executions needed to be carried out before its supply of

one lethal injection drug expires on April 30.

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The last state to put more than one inmate to death on the same day was Texas, which executed two killers in August 2000. Arkansas' last double execution occurred in 1999.

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gers and widely shared online—became an international embarrassment for both the airlines and the city's aviation department.

The report also includes the name of the officer, James Long, who authorities initially declined to identify.

In the report, Long said he boarded the United Express flight after being called in response to a disturbance involving two people regarding a refusal to leave the aircraft. United has said four passengers had been ordered off the airplane to make room for four employees to fly to Louisville, Kentucky.

Long said he approached Dr. David Dao to ask the 69-year-old physician to get

off the plane. Long said Dao refused and "folded his arms tightly." Long said he reached out to "hold" Dao and was able to pull him away from his window seat on the aircraft and move toward the aisle.

"But suddenly the subject started flailing and fighting," Long wrote.

Long then knocked Long's hand off his arm, causing the struggling Dao to fall and strike his mouth on an arm rest on the other side of the aisle, according to the report. Long said he then dragged Dao because Dao refused to stand up.

Long said he wrote the report and gave his version of events only because he faced losing his job.

The video taken by a passenger shows lots of screaming coming from behind the seats, then Dao being dragged by his arms down the aisle of the plane as the other passengers react with horror.

In a separate report released Monday, labeled a "Hospitalization Case Report," the Chicago Police Department said Dao was observed striking his face against an armrest as aviation officers "attempted to escort" him from the flight.

Neither report details Dao's injuries, but at a news conference days after the incident, Dao's attorney said the doctor suffered a broken nose and a concussion, and lost two front teeth.

## Aviation officer gives his version of United flight removal

**CHICAGO** (AP)—The physician who was dragged off a United Airlines flight in Chicago this month was verbally and physically abusive, and flailing his arms before he lost his balance and struck his mouth on an armrest, according to the aviation officer who pulled the man out of his seat.

The Chicago Department of Aviation on Monday released the officer's report of the incident, in response to a Freedom of Information Act request by The Associated Press. The report reveals for the first time the officer's version of what happened aboard the plane at O'Hare International Airport on April 9.

The incident—which was videotaped by other passen-

# Asia

## N. Korea quiet amid expectation of missile follow-up

**PYONGYANG, North Korea** (AP)—A U.S. guided-missile submarine arrived in South Korea on Tuesday and envoys from the U.S., Japan and South Korea met in Tokyo, as North Korea prepared to mark the anniversary of the founding of its military.

Although a major event around the anniversary was viewed as possible, the morning came and went without any nuclear tests or ballistic missile launches. All that was publicly scheduled for the day were gatherings for mass dancing, a common celebration on major North Korean holidays.

At a “national meeting” of thousands of senior military and civilian officials the day before, North Korea’s Minister of Defense Gen. Pak Yong Sik reiterated that the country is ready to use pre-emptive strikes or any other measures it deems necessary to defend itself against the



**AP** The nuclear-powered submarine USS Michigan approaches to join the U.S. aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson in drills near the Korean Peninsula, at Busan port in Busan, South Korea, Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

counterpart Kenji Kanasugi and Kim Hong-kyun of South Korea. Japan’s Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told reporters that the three envoys were to deepen cooperation and stay on the same page amid growing tension.

Japan’s Foreign Ministry also announced that China’s envoy for North Korea, Wu Dawei, will visit Tokyo on Tuesday for talks with Kanasugi, which may take place later this week.

Trump spoke by phone with both the Japanese and Chinese leaders Monday. Chinese state broadcaster CCTV quoted President Xi Jinping as telling Trump that China strongly opposes North Korea’s nuclear weapons program and hopes “all parties will exercise restraint and avoid aggravating the situation.”

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Trump agreed to urge North Korea to refrain from what Abe called provocative actions. “The North Korean nuclear and missile problem is an extremely serious security threat to not only the international community but also our country,” the Japanese leader told reporters in Tokyo afterward.

### “U.S. imperialists.”

“The situation prevailing on the Korean peninsula is so tense that a nuclear war may break out due to the frantic war drills of the U.S. imperialists and their vassal forces for aggression,” he told the gathering.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un did not attend. It was not known how he was marking Tuesday’s anniversary.

North Korea often marks significant dates by displaying its military capability and has conducted five nuclear tests.

Pyongyang launched a missile one day after the 105th birthday of late founder Kim Il Sung on April 15.

Such a move could test the developing North Korea policies of President Donald Trump, who has reportedly settled on a strategy that emphasizes increased pressure on North Korea with the help of China, the North’s only major ally, instead of military options or trying to overthrow North Korea’s government.

The nuclear-powered USS

Michigan submarine arrived at Busan in what was described as a routine port visit to rest the crew and load supplies. Commander Jang Wook from the South Korean navy public affairs office said there is no plan for any drill.

The submarine’s arrival comes as the USS Carl Vinson aircraft carrier heads toward the Korean Peninsula in a show of force.

In Tokyo, U.S. representative for North Korea Policy Joseph Yun was meeting Tuesday with his Japanese

## Top officials say US must confront Russia for arming Taliban

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—The United States must confront Russia for providing weapons to the Taliban for use against American-backed forces in Afghanistan, top U.S. military officials said Monday.

At a news conference with Defense Secretary Jim Mattis at his side, Gen. John Nicholson, the American commander in Afghanistan, wouldn’t provide specifics about Russia’s role in Afghanistan. But said he would “not refute” that Moscow’s involvement includes giving weapons to the Taliban.

While other U.S. officials have accused Russia of helping Taliban insurgents, Nicholson is the first to publicly indicate that such support extends to arms.

Earlier Monday, a senior U.S. military official told reporters in Kabul that Russia was giving machine guns and other medium-weight weap-

ons. The Taliban are using the weapons in the southern provinces of Helmand, Kandahar and Uruzgan, according to the official, who briefed journalists on intelligence information on condition of anonymity.

Russia denies that it provides any such support to the Taliban, which ruled Afghanistan until the U.S.-led invasion in 2001. Russia says contacts are limited to safeguarding security and getting the hard-line religious fundamentalists to reconcile with the government—which Washington has failed for years to advance.

Russia also has promoted easing global sanctions on Taliban leaders who prove cooperative.

Asked about Russia’s activity in Afghanistan, where it fought a bloody war in the 1980s and withdrew in defeat, Mattis alluded to the increasing U.S. concerns.

“We’ll engage with Russia diplomatically,” Mattis said.

“We’ll do so where we can, but we’re going to have to confront Russia where what they’re doing is contrary to international law or denying the sovereignty of other countries.”

“For example,” Mattis told reporters in the Afghan capital, “any weapons being funneled here from a foreign country would be a violation of international law.”

Mattis met with President Ashraf Ghani and other senior government officials just hours after the nation’s defense minister and Army chief resigned over a massacre of more than 140 Afghan troops at a military base last Friday.

Nicholson also said that in view of the sophisticated planning behind the attack, “it’s quite possible” that the Pakistan-based Haqqani network was responsible. The Taliban claimed it carried out the attack.

Nicholson, the top American commander in Kabul, recently told Congress that he

needs a few thousand more troops to keep Afghan security forces on track to eventually handling the Taliban insurgency on their own.

Mattis on Monday offered a grim assessment for Afghan forces fighting the Taliban.

“2017 is going to be another tough year,” he said.

Kabul was the final stop on Mattis’ six-nation, weeklong tour. He is the first member of President Donald Trump’s Cabinet to visit Afghanistan. As part of the administration’s review of Afghan policy, Trump’s national security adviser, Army Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster, visited Kabul last week to consult with Nicholson and with Afghan officials.

The war began in October 2001. The U.S. has about 9,800 troops in Afghanistan. They ended their combat mission against the Taliban in 2014 but are increasingly involved in backing up Afghan forces on the battlefield.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### PH troops kill militants, seize jungle camp in south

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—The Philippine military says troops backed by aircraft have captured a jungle camp belonging to an extremist band allied with the Islamic State group and killed several militants in the country’s south. Regional military spokesman Lt. Col. Jo-ar Herrera said an army general raised the Philippine flag Monday in the camp of the Maute armed group near Piagapo town in Lanao del Sur province a few hours after troops occupied the rebel base. Herrera said at least three bodies of militants were recovered by troops in the camp, which had tents, bunkers and trenches, although intelligence indicated as many as 36 militants were killed in three days of intense fighting. Three soldiers were wounded. Troops found homemade bombs, grenades, combat uniforms and passports of suspected Indonesian militants in the camp.

#### Oil workers’ strike triggers gasoline lines in Sri Lanka

**COLOMBO, Sri Lanka** (AP)—Long lines formed at gasoline stations across Sri Lanka on Monday as workers at a state-run petroleum company went on strike to protest a government plan to lease out oil tanks to neighboring India. D.J. Rajakaruna, secretary of the Ceylon Petroleum Common Workers Union, said workers stopped releasing fuel from 12 storage facilities on Sunday night. He said they would stop work entirely at the state-run refinery if the government fails to halt plans to transfer oil tank operations to India, saying such an agreement would benefit only Indian companies. Rajakaruna said the tanks are a prime asset of the country and that the workers will continue to strike until their demand is met.

#### Maoist rebels kill at least 24 Indian paramilitary soldiers

**PATNA, India** (AP)—Maoist rebels killed at least 24 Indian paramilitary soldiers and injured six others in their stronghold in central India on Monday in one of the worst attacks on the country’s security forces in recent years, police said. The rebels

# World

## France's steely Le Pen gets far-right in presidential runoff

**HENIN-BEAUMONT, France** (AP)—Marine Le Pen's steely resolve, helped by a cutting tongue, propelled her political career, but it was her masterful use of a soft touch that has brought her one step away from the French presidency.

With that shift, Le Pen has widened her National Front party's appeal to voters once too timid for the extreme right. And this time, in France's May 7 presidential runoff, she is hoping to accomplish what her father could not when he ran in 2002.

She pledged Monday to "put France back in order."

Singing the French national anthem and smiling broadly after Sunday's first-round presidential vote launched her into the runoff with centrist Emmanuel Macron, Le Pen said her National Front party will represent "the great alternative" for French people frustrated with the status quo. Standing before an adoring crowd in her northern stronghold of Henin-Beaumont, Le Pen pledged to open a debate on globalization, which she says has bled France's working class.

The final days of the presidential campaign were upended by an attack claimed by the Islamic State group that killed a police officer on Paris' Champs-Elysees, feeding into one of Le Pen's central themes. She wants to build a secure sovereign state by cracking down on what she calls the "massive immigration" of radical Muslims who she says are trying to supplant France's Judeo-Christian heritage.

If elected president, Le Pen vowed to immediately put in place a "battle plan against Islamic terrorism ... so that France lives!" It was not clear



In this Monday, April 17, 2017 file photo, far-right candidate for the presidential election Marine Le Pen speaks during a campaign meeting in Paris.

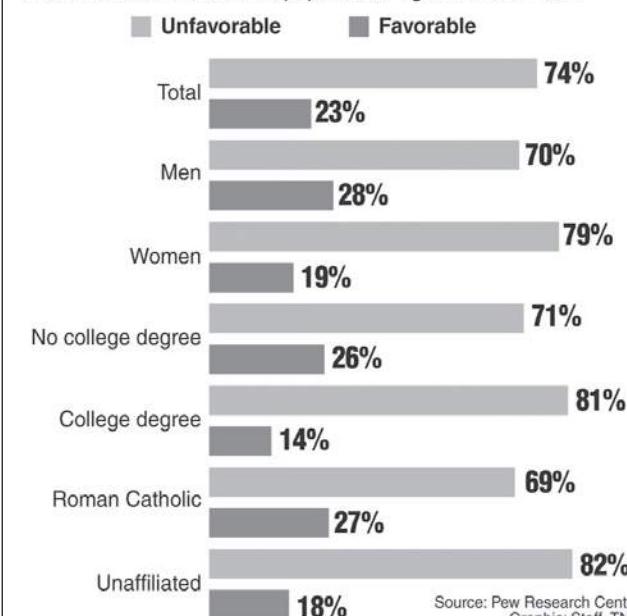
what effect the attack had on the vote Sunday.

To her backers in this depressed northern region, Le Pen is a hero. Yet others fear her far-right party, saying the changes she has made to scrub its image of racism are merely cosmetic.

At 48, Le Pen, the mother of three, is an ambitious, bold and gritty leader who defied the old guard of her far-right National Front party. She expelled many of them to try to remove the taint of racism and anti-Semitism that clung to the party under the leadership of her father, Jean-Marie Le Pen. In 2015, she did not shirk from pushing him out of the party he founded in 1972, when he refused to desist from anti-Semitic provocations that were undermining his daugh-

### Views of the National Front

French citizens' views of the populist, far-right National Front



## Researchers: Russia-linked hackers targeted Macron campaign

**PARIS** (AP)—Researchers with the Japanese anti-virus firm Trend Micro say the campaign of French presidential front-runner Emmanuel Macron has been targeted by Russia-linked hackers, adding a little more detail to previous suggestions that the centrist politician was being singled out for electronic eavesdropping by the Kremlin.

The campaign's digital chief, Mounir Mahjoubi, confirmed the attempted intrusions in a telephone interview late Monday but said they had all been thwarted.

"It's serious, but nothing was compromised," he said.

The attempts to penetrate the Macron campaign date back to December, Mahjoubi said. The campaign previ-

ously complained of being targeted by electronic spying operations that it hinted had their origins in Russia but offered little evidence to back the assertion at the time. Trend Micro's report, which was produced independently of the Macron campaign and lists 160 attempts at electronic espionage across a series of targets, adds a measure of evidence to the claim, saying hackers set up a bogus website to harvest the passwords of Macron campaign staffers.

Mahjoubi confirmed that the bogus site was one of several emailed to campaign workers over the past few months.

Trend Micro attributed the online spying campaign to an extremely prolific group it calls Pawn Storm, which

a repeat of the U.S. electoral contest in 2016, when hackers allegedly backed by Moscow broke into the email inboxes of the Democratic National Committee and other political operatives. Pilfered documents subsequently appeared on WikiLeaks and other more mysterious websites, putting the Democrats on the defensive during their losing campaign against Donald Trump.

Some feared that Macron, a centrist politician facing off against several pro-Russia candidates, would suffer the same treatment. Nothing of the sort seems to have happened so far, but the second round of France's presidential contest pitting Macron against Kremlin-friendly far right leader Marine Le Pen is still two weeks away.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Netanyahu gives German FM 'ultimatum' over meeting with NGOs

**JERUSALEM** (AP)—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has threatened to cancel an upcoming meeting with Germany's foreign minister unless the visiting diplomat cancels an appointment with two groups critical of Israel's actions in the West Bank. A senior Israeli official confirmed that the prime minister issued an ultimatum to Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel that he would scrap their meeting scheduled for Tuesday if Gabriel met with members of non-governmental organizations Breaking the Silence and B'Tselem. Gabriel arrived in Israel on Monday evening following a visit to Jordan. There was no immediate comment from the Israeli Foreign Ministry as to whether the German government has responded.

#### 27 people killed in bus-trailer truck collision in Kenya

**NAIROBI, Kenya** (AP)—Kenyan police say 27 people have been killed in a collision between a passenger bus and a trailer truck. Police say the accident took place along the major road linking two of Kenya's biggest cities, capital Nairobi and the port of Mombasa. Leonard Kimaiyo, the police chief in the Kambu area of Maukeni county, says the bus was

heading to Mombasa and the trailer in the opposite direction when they collided on Tuesday. Road accidents kill around 3,000 people in Kenya every year. Deaths through road accidents have increased in recent years despite a crackdown on drunk driving, including tougher fines and breathalyzer tests at random police roadblocks.

#### Cameroon sentences RFI journalist to 10 years in prison

**YAOUNDE, Cameroon** (AP)—A Cameroon military court has sentenced a correspondent of Radio France International's Hausa service to 10 years in jail after convicting him of non-denunciation of acts of terrorism and laundering proceeds of terrorist acts.

Ahmed Abba's lead defense attorney, Charles Tchoungang, promised to appeal Monday's sentence, which also fined Abba more than \$90,000. Abba was arrested in northern Cameroon in July 2015 while investigating Boko Haram. He has denied accusations of acting as an accomplice and failing to warn authorities of activities by the Nigeria-based Islamic extremists. Amnesty International says he was held incommunicado for three months and tortured. The rights group called the conviction and sentencing a travesty of justice after an unfair trial.

Cameroonian authorities have arrested more than 1,000 people since 2014 for allegedly supporting Boko Haram.

# Focus



## NORTH KOREA CELEBRATES as South Korea, US keep watch

By ERIC TALMADGE and KIM TONG-HYUNG

Associated Press

**P**YONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—A U.S. guided-missile submarine arrived in South Korea on Tuesday and envoys from the U.S., Japan and South Korea met in Tokyo, as North Korea marked the anniversary of the founding of its military.

Though experts thought a nuclear test or ballistic missile launch was possible around the anniversary, the morning came and went without either. South Korea's Yonhap news agency, citing a South Korean government source, reported that North Korea instead appeared to have held a major live-fire drill in the Wonsan city area.

### NORTH KOREAN GENERAL WARNS OF PRE-EMPTIVE STRIKE

Crowds in Pyongyang, the North Korean capital, laid flowers and paid respects at giant statues of the country's former leaders Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, one day after the minister of defense reiterated that North is ready to use pre-emptive strikes or any other measures it deems necessary to defend itself against the "U.S. imperialists."

"The situation prevailing on the Korean peninsula is so tense that a nuclear war may break out due to the frantic war drills of the U.S. imperialists and their vassal forces for aggression," Gen. Pak Yong Sik said at a "national meeting" of thousands of senior military and civilian officials.

South Korea's military said it's

closely watching North Korean troop movement around Wonsan, but didn't confirm the Yonhap report, which cited an unnamed source to report that the North carried out an exercise involving 300 to 400 artillery pieces.

The streets of Pyongyang were quiet. Flower-laying and bowing at statues and portraits of the leaders is a regular routine on major anniversaries. Groups of people also gathered in open spaces around the city to take part in organized dancing sessions, another common way of marking holidays in North Korea.

"Our great leaders founded and wisely led our revolutionary army, and just like that, now our respected Marshal Kim Jong Un is leading wisely, so even though the situation is tense, we are celebrating the day," said Choe Un Byol, who had come with his family to the bronze statues of the former leaders.

North Korea often marks significant dates by displaying its military capability and has conducted five nuclear tests. Pyongyang launched a missile one day after the 105th birthday of late founder Kim Il Sung on April 15.

Recent U.S. commercial satellite images indicate increased activity around North Korea's nuclear test site, and third-generation dictator Kim Jong Un has said the country's preparation for an ICBM launch is in its "final stage."

South Korea's Defense Ministry has said North Korea appears ready to conduct such "strategic provoca-

tions" at any time. South Korean Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn, the country's acting leader, has instructed his military to strengthen its "immediate response posture" in case North Korea does something significant on Tuesday's anniversary.

### US NAVY GATHERS OFF KOREAS

The nuclear-powered USS Michigan submarine arrived at Busan in what was described as a routine port visit to rest the crew and load supplies. Cmdr. Jang Wook from the South Korean navy public affairs office said there is no plan for any drill.

The submarine's arrival comes as the USS Carl Vinson aircraft carrier heads toward the Korean Peninsula

for a joint exercise with South Korea around the weekend.

Despite the buildup, President Donald Trump has reportedly settled on a strategy that emphasizes increased pressure on North Korea with the help of China, the North's only major ally, instead of military options or trying to overthrow North Korea's government.

### WASHINGTON'S WORDS

Trump has told ambassadors from U.N. Security Council member countries that they must be prepared to impose additional and stronger sanctions on North Korea.

"This is a real threat to the world, whether we want to talk about it or not," Trump said at a White House

meeting Monday. "North Korea is a big world problem, and it's a problem we have to finally solve. People have put blindfolds on for decades, and now it's time to solve the problem."

Nikki Haley, Trump's U.N. ambassador, said the U.S. isn't looking for a fight with Kim and wouldn't attack North Korea "unless he gives us reason to do something." She praised China's increased pressure on North Korea.

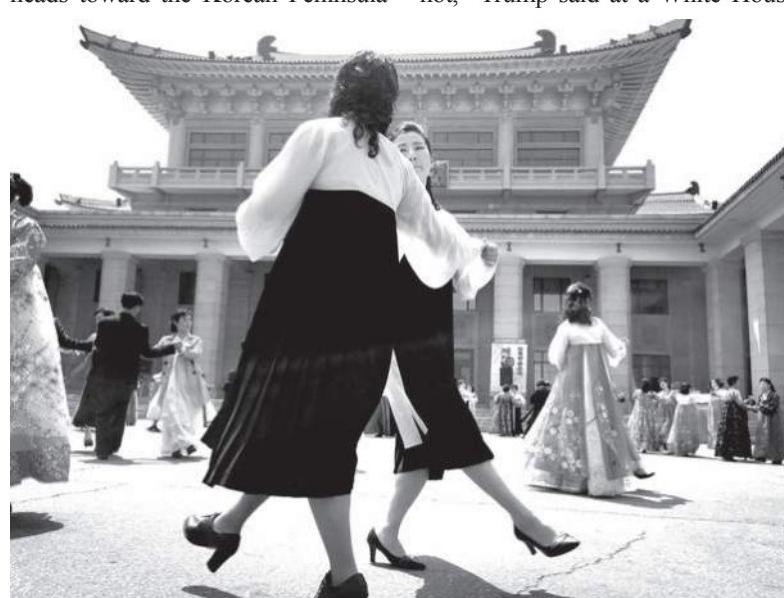
Asked about the threshold for U.S. action, Haley told American broadcaster NBC that "if you see him attack a military base, if you see some sort of intercontinental ballistic missile, then obviously we're going to do that."

But asked what if North Korea tests an intercontinental missile or nuclear device, she said: "I think then the president steps in and decides what's going to happen."

### DIPLOMATS MEET IN TOKYO

U.S. representative for North Korea Policy Joseph Yun met Tuesday with his Japanese counterpart Kenji Kanasugi and Kim Hong-kyun of South Korea. Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told reporters that the three envoys were to deepen cooperation and ensure their countries stay on the same page amid growing tension.

Japan's Foreign Ministry also announced that China's envoy for North Korea, Wu Dawei, is arriving in Tokyo on Tuesday for talks with Kanasugi, which may take place later this week.



North Korean men and women take part in a mass dance on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, in Pyongyang, North Korea.

# Good Housekeeping

## A trip to Veracruz, Mexico, brings back recipes for salsa and empanadas

By JEANMARIE BROWNSON  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

They dance on the streets in Veracruz City. A couple of nights a week, locals and visitors dress up in their Sunday best and assemble in the town square to enjoy Veracruz's famous dance, the danzon. Set to live music, the spectacle of young and old dancing together proves unforgettable. We did our best to keep in step; mostly, we just worked up an appetite.

Good thing, as there's much food to love in Mexico's state of Veracruz, especially the seafood from the Gulf. In the morning, we stroll along the waterfront on the lookout for the bicycle vendors selling warm fish empanadas from baskets. Flaky pastry stuffed with shredded fish, tomatoes, olives, capers and sometimes hot chile, these empanadas fill our dreams. Later, a walk along Veracruz's beaches justifies our supper of stunningly fresh fish smothered in salsa Veracruzana.

Luckily, salsa Veracruzana ranks as one of the easiest sauces to make at home. Ideally, the chunky sauce starts with ripe, fresh tomatoes. In the offseason, canned tomatoes make an adequate stand-in for garden-fresh.

Olives and briny capers, peppered throughout the sauce, confirm the Spanish influence on Mexico's food. Jalapenos, the ubiquitous fresh chiles named after the state's capital, Jalapa (aka Xalapa), spice the sauce just perfectly.



Spicy crab and tomato empanadas are a filling dinner.

Pickled jalapenos pair deliciously with the tangy character of the olives and capers.

Be sure to use pickled jalapenos made without added sugar. Nacho slices, for example, would be too sweet. For the olives, I like manzanilla — with or without pimento. Capers prove more palatable when rinsed before using.

I always make a large batch of this salsa to use over grilled fish, to eat on chips, to season crab for an empanada, to dollop over scrambled eggs or to tuck into tacos.

Snapper a la Veracruzana is beloved throughout Mexico. Back home, I use a variety of fish, always on the lookout for local, sustainable, wild-caught or responsibly farmed. Thick, meaty white fish pairs beautifully with the briny sauce. So does rich, flaky salmon — especially when grilled. When

thin fillets, such as tilapia, are on the menu, I use a hot nonstick skillet or the broiler instead of the grill. Sautéed shrimp, smothered in the Veracruz sauce and served over white rice, makes a gorgeous dinner.

Don't think I forgot about those Veracruzana-style empanadas. The recipe that follows makes use of frozen puff pastry, the salsa and some pasteurized lump crab. The stuff of dreams indeed. Or, at least the perfect dance.

### VERACRUZ TOMATO OLIVE SALSA

Prep: 15 minutes  
Makes: 4 cups

Always rinse raw onion before using it to remove any unpleasant odors and aftertaste.

2 cans (14.5 ounces each) diced fire-roasted tomatoes  
1/2 cup finely chopped

white onion, well rinsed, drained

1/2 cup chopped pitted green olives

2 tablespoons finely chopped drained pickled jalapenos or 1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh jalapeno

2 tablespoons drained capers, rinsed, optional

2 tablespoons each, thinly sliced fresh: parsley, cilantro  
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

1/4 teaspoon salt

Put tomatoes with their liquid into a food processor or blender and process with 4 on/off turns to roughly chop. Do not puree. Transfer the tomatoes to medium-size bowl. Add remaining ingredients. Serve at room temperature.

Nutrition information per cup: 115 calories, 6 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 13 g carbohydrates, 6 g sugar,

2 g protein, 785 mg sodium, 4 g fiber

### GRILLED SALMON WITH VERACRUZ TOMATO OLIVE SALSA AND POBLANOS

Prep: 20 minutes  
Cook: 10 minutes  
Makes: 6 servings  
2 cups Veracruz tomato olive salsa, see recipe  
2 poblano peppers  
1 small red bell pepper  
2 pounds salmon fillets, each about 1 1/2 inches thick, rinsed, patted dry

Olive oil  
Salt, freshly ground black pepper  
Parsley leaves, for garnish  
Thinly sliced lime for garnish

1. Make the salsa.

2. Set poblanos and red bell pepper on stove directly over the gas flame. Cook, turning often, until skin blisters and blackens on all sides, about 5 minutes. (Alternatively, roast peppers on the grill or 6 inches from the element of a heated broiler, turning often until skin blisters and blackens, 5 to 8 minutes.) Let peppers cool, then slip off charred skin with your hands. Rinse briefly under cool water. Remove the core and seeds and pat dry. Cut into 1/4-inch strips, then cut strips crosswise into thirds.

3. Preheat a gas grill to medium-hot. Or, prepare a charcoal grill for direct cooking and let coals burn until they are covered with gray ash, then spread coals in an even layer.

4. Heat the salsa in a bowl in the microwave until it is hot, about 2 minutes.

5. Brush fish generously on all sides with oil; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Grill fish, skin side up, 6 inches from heat source, until the fish releases easily from the grill grates, about 6 minutes. Use a thin metal spatula to gently flip the fish. Grill until the salmon is nearly firm when pressed with a finger, about 3 to 4 minutes more. Transfer to a large platter.

6. Pour the warm salsa over the fish. Sprinkle with roasted pepper pieces and parsley. Garnish with lime slices and serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 288 calories, 13 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 96 mg cholesterol, 5 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 35 g protein, 338 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

### SPICY CRAB AND TOMATO EMPANADAS

Prep: 30 minutes  
Chill: 30 minutes  
Bake: 30 minutes  
Makes: 8 large empanadas  
Cooked, flaked salmon, chopped cooked shrimp or

drained canned tuna can be substituted for the crabmeat. The unbaked empanadas can be wrapped in plastic and frozen for up to 1 month. Bake from frozen increasing the time by 10 to 15 minutes.

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 cup Veracruz tomato olive salsa, see recipe

1/2 pound premium lump crab meat, about 1 1/2 cups, drained

2 tablespoons chopped drained pickled jalapenos

Coarse salt

1 large egg

1 tablespoon milk

1 package (17 ounces) frozen puff pastry sheets, thawed according to package directions

1. Heat the olive oil in a medium skillet over high heat. Add the salsa. Boil gently over medium heat, covered with a splatter guard, stirring occasionally until juices are reduced and salsa is quite thick about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and let cool.

2. Drain crab and put into a bowl. Gently stir in the cooled salsa and the jalapenos. Season to taste with salt and refrigerate until cool, about 30 minutes or up to several hours.

3. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Whisk the egg with the milk in a small bowl. Transfer the crab filling to a strainer to drain off any excess liquid.

4. Unfold 1 sheet of the puff pastry sheet onto a lightly floured work surface. Use a rolling pin to roll the sheet into a 10- by 10-inch square. Use a sharp knife to cut into 4 squares. Repeat rolling and cutting with second pastry sheet.

5. Brush some of the egg mixture around the edges of each pastry square. Spoon 1/4 cup of the crab filling into the middle of each pastry square. Fold the pastry over the filling to make a triangle and to completely enclose the filling. Press the edges to seal. Use the tines of a fork to press the edges together decoratively. Repeat to make 8 empanadas.

6. Transfer empanadas to the prepared baking sheets. Brush tops with some of the egg mixture and sprinkle with salt. Refrigerate until chilled, about 30 minutes or up to 2 hours.

7. Heat the oven to 375 degrees convection or 400 degrees conventional. Bake until the empanadas are deep golden brown, about 30 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes before serving.

Nutrition information per empanada: 393 calories, 26 g fat, 6 g saturated fat, 48 mg cholesterol, 29 g carbohydrates, 1 g sugar, 10 g protein, 423 mg sodium, 1 g fiber.

## Sandwich and wine for dinner? Yes, please, when they're this good

By MICHAEL AUSTIN  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Why don't we make a sandwich our dinner more often? Especially when it's as good as this poblano and chorizo torta? Congratulate yourself for your good sense with one of these three wines, all picked to stand up to the spicy heat.

### MAKE THIS CHORIZO TORTA

Roast 1 large poblano over a hot grill, turning, until blackened all over. Rub off skin; discard stem and seeds. Chop pepper. Cook 1 pound Mexican chorizo sausage, casing removed, in a large, dry skillet set over medium heat, breaking it up with a wooden spoon, 5 minutes. Add 1 white onion, chopped, and 1/2 teaspoon oregano. Cook until onion has softened and sausage is done, about 5 minutes. Stir in chopped pepper. Divide mixture among

4 Mexican bolillos. Top with shredded Monterey Jack and sharp white cheddar. Squish and crisp sandwiches on a griddle. Makes: 4 servings

Recipe by Leah Eskin

### DRINK THIS

Pairings by sommelier Arthur Hon of Sepia, as told to Michael Austin:

2015 Chateau Pey La Tour Rosé, Bordeaux, France: The two major flavors of this torta come from the poblano pepper and the chorizo sausage, which brings its own brand of spice and heat. To play off of the pepper flavors, here is a rosé with the pepper aromas inherent in some Bordeaux grape varieties. Also, the fresh acidity and natural weight of this rosé will match



Chorizo and roasted poblano torta needs a wine that matches the rustic nature of the sandwich.

well with this rustic dish.

2015 Pinuaga La Senda, Castilla-La Mancha, Spain: La Senda is an unoaked merlot blend with a touch of tempranillo, and like many Spanish wines, it has an af-

finity for the combination of meat, spices and a little heat. The naturally spiced flavors and fresh, fruity profile of the wine have the right amount of elegance and versatility to work with the direct flavors of this dish. Remember to serve the wine slightly chilled.

2012 Domaine Duogois Arbois Savagnin Sous Voile, Jura, France: This wine has focused acidity along with a touch of spiced, oxidative notes in the form of cardamom, fenugreek and salted toffee. It's a versatile wine for food with tricky spice or richer

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# Life & Style

## At Tribeca, Bourdain reluctantly plays the role of activist

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Anthony Bourdain is not one for activism. Tattooed on his arm in Greek is “I am certain of nothing.”

But at the Tribeca Film Festival, Bourdain has, a little reluctantly, presented a documentary, “Wasted! The Story of Food Waste,” in which he argues passionately against the issue of food waste, from supermarkets to home cooking—even though advocacy of any kind makes him almost physically squeamish.

“Having traveled as much as I do, I constantly go into places thinking one thing only to be shown that I’m wrong and forced by circumstances and exposure to rethink whatever preconceptions I might have had,” Bourdain said in a recent interview. “Activism seems to require a level of certainty and dedication that I’m uncomfortable with. I’m a renter, not a buyer, when it comes to ideologies. I’m a skeptic. I believe very much in skepticism. I don’t ever want to look like a guy with an agenda.”

It’s not that Bourdain is apolitical. The countless meals shared on his years of TV, from “No Reservations” to the soon-returning “Parts Un-

known,” are chiefly feasts—both through the food on the plate and the discussions held over them—of larger cultural conversation. Of the traditions kept alive by immigrants. Of the glories of street food. Of the simple power of breaking bread with people from all walks of life.

But standing out front of an issue in today’s ethically charged food world is a step further for Bourdain. So what was it that lured him into combating food waste? A lifetime in which the cooking principle “use everything, waste nothing” was instilled in him, and driven deeper by “one brutal kitchen regime after another.”

“The intent of this film happens to align with something that I feel very strongly from the point of view of just a classically trained cook who came up in a system where the whole idea of waste was abhorrent,” said Bourdain. “The whole story of food as a professional cook is to maximize your profit, to waste as little as possible, to merchandize what is not used in the principle entree. And of course traveling around the world I see again and again and again how circumstances force people to



In this May 18, 2016 file photo, Anthony Bourdain attends the Turner Network 2016 Upfronts in New York.

cook really, really well and make the most of the often very little food they have.”

The film is directed by Anna Chai and Nari Kye and executive produced by Bourdain. It’s a tragedy of trash, told colorfully by Chai and Kye.

Some stats: Roughly a third of the food produced for human consumption every year

is never eaten. In the U.S., more than 90 percent of wasted food ends up in a landfill, at an annual cost of \$1 trillion. The film showcases those using creative solutions to the problem, like a

beer called Toast made out of leftover sandwich bread, or a budget grocery store of donated excess foods.

The film also preaches the flavor and thrift of dishes that use typically tossed parts of produce or animals.

“I love tripe, oxtails, cheeks,” said Bourdain. “I love going to a restaurant in Japan where they serve nothing but collars and the meat around the fins. Those are the things that cooks are most passionate about. It’s so funny when you see all of these things that only poor people used to eat now as the hipster dish of the moment.”

Most glaring, though, is the waste of supermarkets where aisles are intended to showcase abundance, even though that means stocking shelves with the intent to not sell all of it.

“In order to have their aisles look a certain way and give an impression of abundance with only the freshest and best, they’ve deemed it necessary to waste tremendous amounts of food that in another situation would be vital

to people,” said Bourdain.

“Wasted!” is just the latest in Bourdain’s growing presence in movies. Being a “film nerd,” he says, is “a necessary qualification” for his “Parts Unknown” crew. He recently listed the 10 films that are constant reference points on his shows, from Wong Kar-Wai’s “In the Mood for Love” to Peter Yates’ “The Friends of Eddie Coyle.” The upcoming season, he vows, will pay ode, “if not outright theft,” to David Lean (“Lawrence of Arabia”) when he travels to Oman.

Bourdain last week released “Jeremiah Tower: The Last Magnificent,” a documentary he produced on the storied chef. More films, even fiction ones, could be on the way. “One of the big joys of my life was being on the writing team for the David Simon show ‘Treme,’” Bourdain said. “That was a really fun and exciting experience for me. So that does interest me.”

In the meantime, Bourdain hopes “Wasted” gets people thinking “in a non-didactic perspective.” Then, at least, he can stop playing activist.

### Book Review: A parade of originals sings a country tune

By SCOTT STROUD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

“Johnny’s Cash & Charley’s Pride: Lasting Legends and Untold Adventures in Country Music” (Spring House Press), by Peter Cooper

In his new book on country music, in the midst of a riff about Tom T. Hall’s ascent, Peter Cooper boils the Nashville songwriting business down to its nuclear core.

“When a songwriter signed a publishing deal—and this holds true today—his job was to write songs that would please the publisher. And publishers are pleased by songs that get played on the radio. It’s ‘Figure out what’s working, and then do that.’ Makes perfect sense, though the end of that road is most often frustration and burnout for the creators, and for listeners who don’t want to spend their day hearing twenty slightly different replications of the same tired and silly thing.”

Cooper then tells how Hall began to move away from formulaic “Little Darlin’” songs and began to write what he knew. The breakthrough came when he de-

scribed a week he had spent behind bars in Paintsville, Kentucky, in the classic, “A Week in a Country Jail.”

It’s one of many eureka moments in a book that reads like a collection of priceless bar stories. The unforgettable characters who refused to toe the line are the ones who interest Cooper, from Johnny Cash and Loretta Lynn to Lee Ann Womack and Taylor Swift.

His knack for finding the formative experiences that led them to greatness makes these tales come alive.

A talented singer-songwriter himself, Cooper used to write about country for Nashville’s daily newspaper, The Tennessean. In both roles he has gained the trust of some of Nashville’s most colorful figures.

His attention is drawn routinely to the original and the surprising, from the tonsillectomy that gave Ernest Tubb his distinctive singing style to the mysterious death of Hank Williams to the heartache that drove George Jones to greatness.

He tells how Kris Kristofferson lost connections with his mother, who disowned him

after he turned his back on an Oxford education to pursue his Nashville dream, and with his first wife. Cooper describes Kristofferson stumbling in a stupor down Music Row, delaying the surprise that he’s about to write the timeless hangover classic, “Sunday Mornin’ Comin’ Down.”

And that was before the better-known story, the one in which Kristofferson flew a helicopter onto Johnny Cash’s lawn to persuade him to listen to a demo tape, which included that very song.

Cooper’s first-person accounts of interactions with the greats may strike some as cloying, and he closes with a “coda” that seems tacked on because, well, it is. In it he invokes the famous line that writing about music is like dancing about architecture, only to argue for the usefulness of his craft.

But there’s no need. The art of the stories is in the telling, which is where Cooper wins the argument. Arriving at the end of this sparkling collection, few will doubt that writing about music is exactly what Cooper should be doing.

*In loving memory of “Lachachai”*

## †KEVIN TAIMANAO ATALIG

May 20, 1969 – April 21, 2017

*In his new life, he now joins his:*  
**Parents:** †Domingo Q. & Maria T. Atalig  
**Son:** †Dravin Joe K. Atalig  
**Parent's in-law:** Jose & Maria T. King  
**Siblings:** †James T. Atalig, †Anthony T. Atalig, †Patricia T. Atalig, †Harvey T. Atalig, †Roylee T. Atalig  
**Sibling's in-law:** Jose T. King and Maria K. Chaco

*His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:*  
**Wife:** Sandra K. Atalig and his children, Kevin T. & Sirena Atalig (Dravin Jose/Liam Thomas), Nature K. Atalig & Joreena C. Manglona (Kieandra/Domidro Jose), Maria K. Atalig, Mareena Rita K. Atalig

**His stepmother:** Rita T. Atalig  
**His Siblings:** Joycelyn and †Lorenzo A. Hocog, Elizabeth & Nurul Islam Paeda, Lolita & †Mariano S. Sablan, Marita A. & David S. Manglona, †James T. Atalig & Chie Atalig, William T. & Jocelyn Atalig, Anthony T. Atalig, Thomas T. & Stacy M. Atalig, Jerome T. & Therese M. Atalig, Manuel C. & Maria Nina Atalig, Henry C. & Maria Elena Manglona, Raimundo C. & Josepha B. Manglona, Norma A. & David A. Manglona, †Harvey T. & Julie Ann A. Atalig, Vihelma A. & James C. Manglona, Jimmy T. & Frances H. Atalig, Lisa T. Atalig & Steven M. Mendiola, Larry John T. Atalig, Derwin T. & Rose Marie Atalig, Donnalyn Atalig & Christopher Dumale, Daisy Ann T. Atalig

**His Siblings in-law:** Maria K. & †Antonio K. Mesngon, Sr., Anita K. & Rudolfo Jacob, Nobert & Elena King, Delfina K. Haque, †Maria Elena K. & Gilbert Chaco, †Jose T. & Jacoba F. King, Juan T. & Angelina King, Priscilla K. & Rosco Walker, Micheal T. & Margarita B. King, Alvin A. & Joaquina L. King, Angela T King & Alfred Panabe, Vicente & Aimee Stolp

Kevin will be greatly missed by his numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, godchildren and friends.

Nightly rosary is being said at San Isidro Church at 6:30pm.

On Friday, April 28, 2017, his remains will leave the Divine Mercy Chapel at 6 o'clock in the evening. Wake service and rosary will be said at 7 o'clock in the evening at the residence of the late †Kevin T. Atalig, Sinapalo I.

On Saturday, April 29, 2017, Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 9 o'clock a.m. at San Francisco De Borja Church... Interment will follow immediately at San Jose Cemetery.

Thank you for your continued thoughts and prayers.

**The FAMILY**

# O'Reilly surprised by Fox exit, says truth will come out

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—Five days after being fired from his top-rated Fox News Channel perch, Bill O'Reilly used a podcast to express his dismay and vowed that “the truth will come out.”

“I am sad that I'm not on television anymore,” he said in an episode Monday of his personal website's “No Spin News” podcast, available only to subscribers after this week's free window. “I was very surprised how it all turned out.”

O'Reilly, who exited Fox News amid sexual harassment allegations that he has denied, said he couldn't add much more “because there's much stuff going on right now.”

“But I can tell you that I'm very confident the truth will come out and when it does, I don't know if you're going to be surprised, but I think you're going to be shaken, as I am,” said O'Reilly, who was Fox's most popular and most lucrative personality.

He declined to expand on that point, he said, “because I just don't want to influence the flow of the information. I

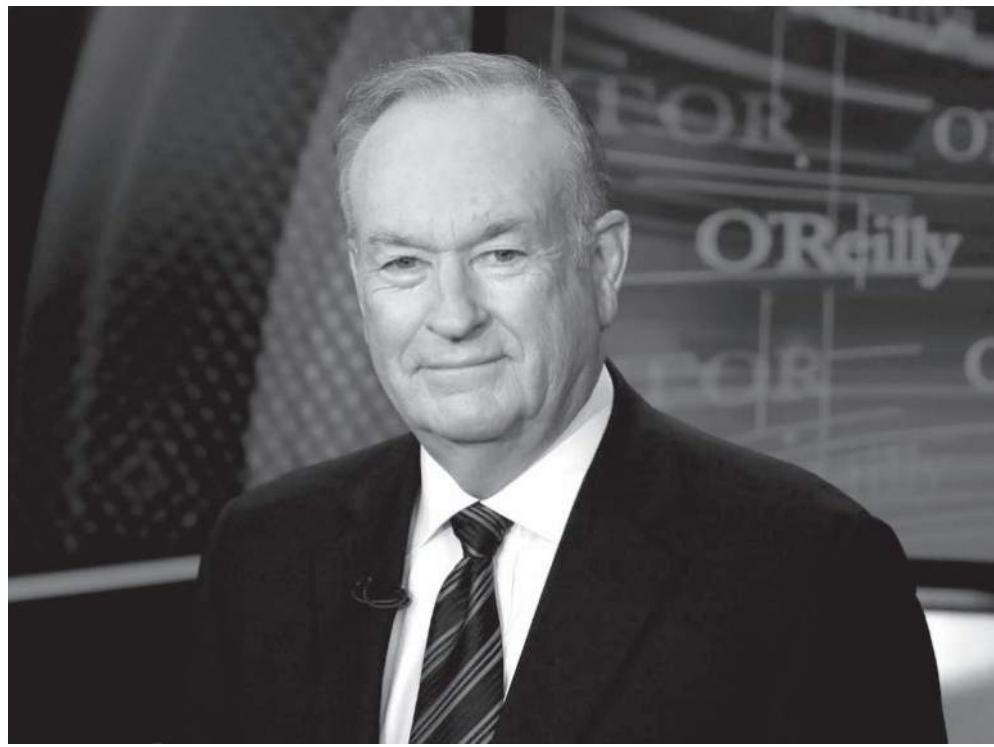
don't want the media to take what I say and misconstrue it.”

But his listeners have a right to know exactly what happened, and “we are working in that direction,” O'Reilly said.

O'Reilly's remarks were the first since his exit on Wednesday, which took place while he was away on his vacation. He had issued a statement after Fox announced his departure, defending himself against what he called “unfounded claims” and saying he took pride in his 20-plus years with the news channel.

O'Reilly's firing came after The New York Times reported in early April that five women had received settlements totaling \$13 million after they alleged sexual harassment and other mistreatment and dozens of advertisers pulled out of his show. He was paid a reported \$25 million upon his exit.

During his podcast, O'Reilly didn't address speculation that he might land elsewhere in broadcasting or cable, but he discussed briefly how he intended to build his online forum into a “genuine



In this Oct. 1, 2015 file photo, Bill O'Reilly of the Fox News Channel program “The O'Reilly Factor,” poses for photos in New York.

“I watched Bill O'Reilly at this hour for years, and I always marveled at how well-prepared he was, how tough he was, and how crisply and directly he expressed his views,” he said. “What O'Reilly did was not easy. He set a high bar, and I'm gonna do my best to meet it.”

One of Carlson's guests, Caitlyn Jenner, teased him about being shifted to various Fox News time slots because of the departures of Megyn Kelly, who left for a new job at NBC, and O'Reilly.

“You've been running around .... Hopefully you're here for a while,” Jenner said, smiling, and then discussed politics and gender identity issues with the host.

Earlier Monday, former Fox News host Andrea Tantaros filed a lawsuit against Fox News saying she believes network operatives used bogus social media accounts to torture her after she complained about sexual harassment by longtime former CEO Roger Ailes, who resigned last July. The network denied her claims.

news program.”

On Monday's roughly 20-minute podcast, he discussed topics including President Donald Trump's poll numbers. As the program is de-

veloped, guests and other elements would be added, he said.

Not long after O'Reilly signed off online, Tucker Carlson's show moved into the 8 p.m. EDT time slot that had

been home to “The O'Reilly Factor.”

Carlson tipped his hat to O'Reilly at the top of “Tucker Carlson Tonight” without discussing why he left.

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—The unparalleled brilliance and puckish wit? Check. The trademark wild mop of hair? Check. The marital infidelity and free-wheeling sex?

Yes, check again for Albert Einstein, who in National Geographic's miniseries “Genius” comes across as a full-blooded, hot-blooded figure who lived by his own rules, both scientific and domestic.

The 10-part series, starring Oscar-winning Geoffrey Rush (“Shine”) as the mature physicist and Johnny Flynn (“Lovesick”) as the budding one, also places Einstein firmly in a 20th-century world engulfed by political chaos and war.

“Genius” (debuting 9 p.m. EDT Tuesday) is both entertaining and intelligent, as befits a drama that's based on Walter Isaacson's acclaimed 2007 biography, “Einstein: His Life and Universe,” and is the Nat Geo channel's first scripted series.

Also credit Ron Howard, who brought another complex scientist to the screen in “A Beautiful Mind,” the 2001 Academy Award-winning film about troubled mathematician John Nash.

There are some “Mind”-type cinematic flourishes in “Genius,” restrained special effects that provide a visual sense of Einstein's thinking and the universe as he sees it and helpful for the science-challenged.

But the series opens with Rush's Einstein and a young woman in the throes of pas-

sion (intertcut, unnervingly, with an assassination that foretells of the upheaval ahead for him and the world).

It was a deliberate choice, said Howard, who directed episode one and is among the series' executive producers that include Brian Grazer, his long-time creative partner, and Gigi Pritzker. Noah Pink and Ken Biller are the screenwriters.

“Not only did it (the scene)

appeal to us dramatically, but it also fulfilled the desire to announce to audiences right away that we weren't approaching it in an entirely straightforward, traditional and academic way,” Howard said. “We were looking for the drama in the story and willing to deal with Einstein, warts and all.”

“Genius” hopscoches through time as it follows Einstein flailing as an unconventional student; a young lover and imperfect husband and parent; a Jew clashing with the German scientific establishment; and as the conflicted father of the atomic age.

Rush said he was more familiar with aspects of Einstein's world-changing theory of relativity than with the man himself, a distant figure often

reduced to a beaming, wild-haired figure with brains.

“We all know the look of Einstein—it should be an emoji,” Rush said by phone from Australia. As he delved further into Einstein's life, Rush was struck by his many sides and the fame he achieved for work unknowable by many.

“He experienced a level of global celebrity equal to that of his contemporary, Char-

lie Chaplin,” Rush said. But while Chaplin's Little Tramp film character had an everyman appeal, Einstein “managed that by coming up with theories that 99.9 percent of the world had no idea what he was talking about.”

Not all were fans. Einstein was seen as a threat by, among others, fellow German scientists who derided his work as a sign of foreign influence and “devoid” of reality in the changing political order destined to be ruled by Adolf Hitler.

There are parallels with today's clashes over climate change and other science, Howard said.

“This sort of tactic of trying to galvanize support around a particular agenda by narrowing your focus, as opposed to broadening it, by doubting innovation and trying to rigidly hang on to accepted ideas. There's nothing new in that,” he said.

Howard wants viewers to appreciate the courage it took the trailblazing Einstein to pursue his ideas against fierce opposition and, despite his own sometimes “less than noble” personal behavior, become a voice for shared humanity.

“There's a kind of courage required for Einstein to have given us everything he gave us, in addition to the transformative work in physics. The role that he ultimately took on as a philosopher and political force,” Howard said, “that was not something he welcomed at all. It was thrust upon him.”

## Sex, lies and physics: ‘Genius’ drama is Einstein tell-all



In this image released by National Geographic, Geoffrey Rush stars as Albert Einstein and Emily Watson portrays Elsa Einstein in “Genius,” premiering April 25.

appeal to us dramatically, but it also fulfilled the desire to announce to audiences right away that we weren't approaching it in an entirely straightforward, traditional and academic way,” Howard said. “We were looking for the drama in the story and willing to deal with Einstein, warts and all.”

“Genius” hopscoches through time as it follows Einstein flailing as an unconventional student; a young lover and imperfect husband and parent; a Jew clashing with the German scientific establishment; and as the conflicted father of the atomic age.

Rush said he was more familiar with aspects of Einstein's world-changing theory of relativity than with the man himself, a distant figure often

reduced to a beaming, wild-haired figure with brains.

“We all know the look of Einstein—it should be an emoji,” Rush said by phone from Australia. As he delved further into Einstein's life, Rush was struck by his many sides and the fame he achieved for work unknowable by many.

“He experienced a level of global celebrity equal to that of his contemporary, Char-

# Faye Dunaway speaks on Oscar's best picture fiasco

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Actress Faye Dunaway says she thought co-presenter Warren Beatty was joking when he paused before showing her the envelope that should have contained the Oscar's best picture winner.

Dunaway tells Lester Holt on NBC Nightly News she thought Beatty was stalling for effect.

Dunaway read "La La Land" as best picture winner rather than "Moonlight" after PwC partner Brian Cullinan mistakenly handed them the back-up envelope for Actress in a Leading Role instead of the envelope for Best Picture.

She says she read the movie's title on the card but didn't



In this Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017, file photo, Faye Dunaway arrives at the Oscars on at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

notice Emma Stone's name. Dunaway says she felt

"completely stunned" and later felt guilty because she thought she could have done something to prevent the debacle.

Holt's interview with Dunaway will air Tuesday on the "Today" show.

## Ex-reality TV star arrested in Phoenix for car theft, drugs

**PHOENIX** (AP)—A former reality television star has been arrested in Phoenix for alleged vehicle theft and drug possession.

Phoenix police say 31-year-old Jacob Harris was released on his own recognition

Monday after his initial court appearance. He faces a May 5 status conference.

Harris was on Discovery channel's "Deadliest Catch" series.

According to court documents, Harris traveled from

Washington state to Arizona with a female companion and was staying at a Phoenix hotel.

The unidentified woman called police Saturday to say Harris took her vehicle without her permission while she slept.

Harris was found at a gas

station and told police he was getting breakfast for himself and the woman.

Police say a baggie of Xanax pills fell out of his pocket and Harris also had crystal methamphetamine in his possession.

By GREGORY KATZ  
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comfortable and relaxed.

Seven of the songs are co-written with longtime producer Buddy Cannon. They include Nelson's amused rebuttal of the frequent internet postings announcing his death—"Don't bury me, I've got a show to play"—and his succinct analysis of America's choice of Donald Trump: "We had a chance to be brilliant and we blew it again."

There is a tang of mortality. The late Leon Russell, a close friend, is heard on the title cut in what is thought to be his last recording, and the final song on the CD is a heartfelt homage to the late Merle Haggard, who recorded with Nelson. Many of the greats from his era have fallen but Nelson's incredible run is still going strong.

Strip away the mythology, the rivalries, the battles with the IRS and the fondness for marijuana, and you're left with the music, its powerful mood set by a soft, direct voice that seems to have grown more expressive over the years. This is a warm, mellow work, with few surprises but many moments to savor. It's taken decades for Nelson to sound this

## Willie Nelson back with new songs on 'God's Problem Child'



In this Jan. 7, 2017, file photo, Willie Nelson performs in Nashville, Tenn.

of communication, but if none of the above work, you will have to decide if you are prepared to live with the situation as it is.

**DEAR ABBY:** I just stumbled upon my daughter-in-law's Twitter account. She has posted half-naked pictures, talked about all the drinks she was consuming, and said that if she didn't have a child, she'd be gone. The language she used would make a sailor blush.

I baby-sit for her, and I was shocked, to say the least. I foolishly posted a shocked cat on Facebook, stating that "this is me reading your Twitter account."

My son is now upset with me that I read her Twitter posts. I am not sure he had seen them. I saved them on my computer, which he picked up when he was here and ran through my history.

I know I didn't handle this the right way, but she was saying she starts drinking at 7 a.m., and that "moonshine wasn't working anymore." I am truly concerned about the baby. What can I do to repair this situation?

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**DEAR SHOCKED:** If that post was public, then anyone could see it. Your son may be embarrassed that you

## While wife's sex drive races, husband is stuck in neutral

**D**EAR ABBY: I've been married almost four years. My husband and I are both barely 40, still quite young, but we have sex only once or twice a month. Our relationship is great, and we love each other. I just wish we had sex more often. I've told him I would like more, but it stays the same.

When we talked about past relationships, he mentioned women hounding him to have sex, so I don't think it's me. I don't want to cheat, but I'm afraid I eventually will if my needs are not met. I don't want to leave him, but I don't want an almost sexless marriage.

He's a very masculine man, so I don't know how to ask him to go to the doctor to get something to increase his sex drive. Should I do that? Or should I get things to supplement our sex, like toys?

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**DEAR NEEDS MORE:** You appear to have married a very masculine man who has a very low sex drive or who may be borderline asexual. If marital aids would help you, by all means get some. You should also have a frank talk with your husband and suggest he consult his physician about the discrepancy in your sex drives.

Marriage counseling might help to improve your level

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saw how dysfunctional his marriage is, and that's why he is misdirecting his anger toward you rather than where it belongs.

If your daughter-in-law is drinking from the moment she wakes up, she's in no condition to be caring for a baby. If she is using something stronger, you need to remind your son that the child's welfare must come first. If your statement is ignored, you will have to decide whether to involve child protective services.

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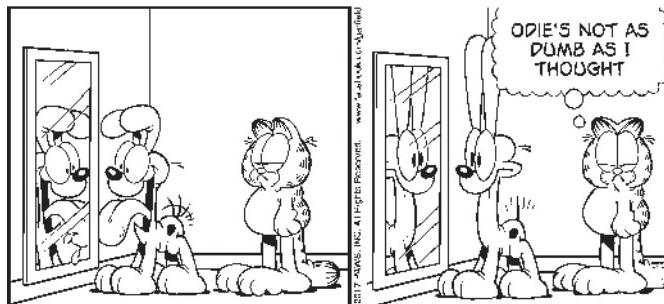
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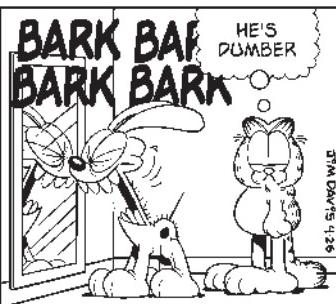
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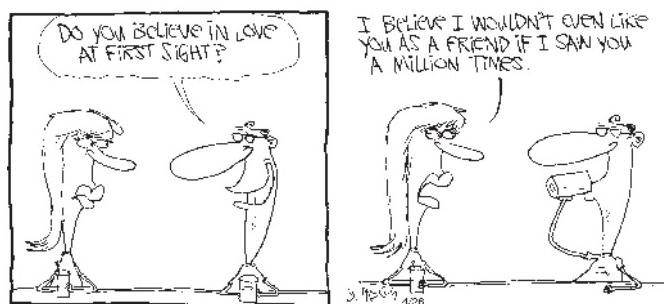


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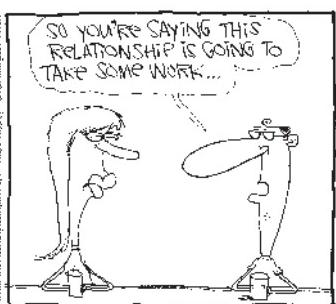


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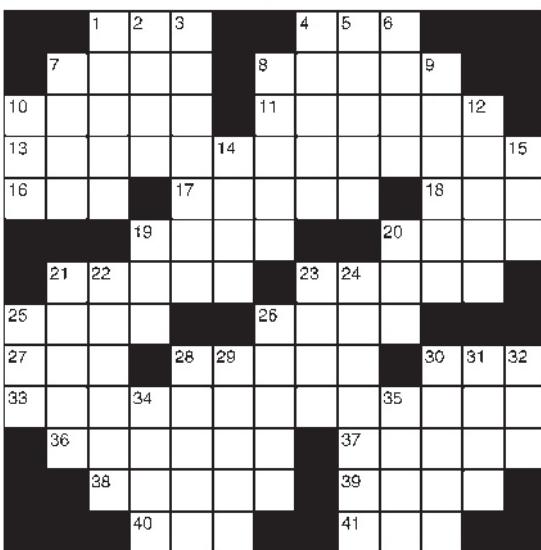


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By Eugene Sheffer

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Figure out the best way to reach your goals and start the process of turning your dream into a reality. Educational pursuits will give you insight into something you enjoy doing that could also lead to additional income. ★★★

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Emotions will be difficult to control, but will also help you deal with situations that you have not encountered in the past. Be honest, but also ready to offer solutions that will bring about a positive outcome. ★★★

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Offer suggestions instead of taking on responsibilities that don't belong to you. You will be better served by doing things that will benefit you, not someone else. Excessive behavior will lead to criticism and financial loss. ★★★

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**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll have a chance to put your skills, knowledge and expertise to the test. Don't be afraid to show off. Anyone who doesn't appreciate you is probably jealous of what you can do. Hard work and a good attitude will be rewarded. ★★★★★

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By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

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## WONDERWORD

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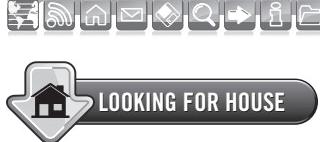
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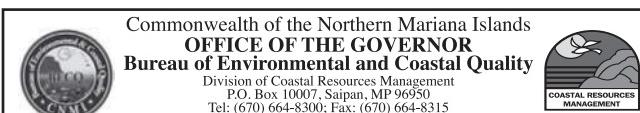
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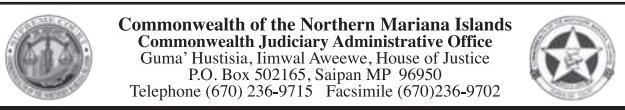
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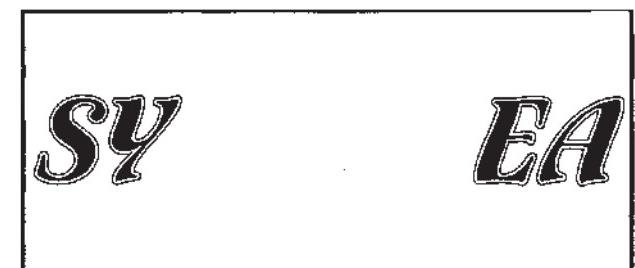
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# Warriors move on with a sweep of Trail Blazers



**PORTRLAND, Oregon** (AP)—Stephen Curry had 37 points before sitting out the final quarter and the Golden State Warriors welcomed back teammate Kevin Durant with a 128-103 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Monday night to sweep their first-round playoff series.

The Warriors advanced to the conference semifinals, where they'll face the winner of the series between the Utah Jazz and the Los Angeles Clippers, which is tied at 2.

Golden State played for the second straight game without coach Steve Kerr, who has been experiencing a flare-up of symptoms stemming from back surgery a couple of years ago. Assistant Mike Brown has served as head coach in Kerr's absence.

Durant hadn't played since Game 1 because of a strained left calf. He started and the Warriors built a 72-48 lead by the end of the opening half.

Golden State pushed the margin to 33 points in the second half. Curry swished a 31-foot 3-pointer that made it 104-77 late in the third quarter and the Blazers couldn't catch up.

Durant finished with 10 points in 21 minutes. All of Golden State's starters were in double figures.

Damian Lillard scored 34 points for the Blazers, who were making their fourth straight appearance in the playoffs. The crowd at the Moda Center gave Lillard a standing ovation when he came out with 6:12 to play.

Last season, the Warriors defeated the Blazers 4-1 in the second round. Curry missed the first three games of that series with a sprained MCL in his right knee, but returned in time to take the series back to Golden State and advance. The Warriors, who won the NBA title in 2015, fell to the Cleveland Cavaliers in seven games in the Finals last year.

The Warriors were still without Matt Barnes (right ankle/foot sprain), and Shaun Livingston (right index finger sprain). Livingston hasn't played since Game 1 and Barnes has been sidelined the whole series.

The Blazers led Game 3 by as many as 17 points in the first half—sparked by the return of big man Jusuf Nurkic. But the lead slipped away in the third quarter and the deeper Warriors prevailed 119-113.

Nurkic, who had missed the final seven games of the regular season and the first two playoff games because of a nondisplaced fracture in his right leg, finished with two points and 11 rebounds.



AP  
Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry, left, is fouled by Portland Trail Blazers guard Shabazz Napier during the first half of Game 4 of an NBA basketball first-round playoff series, Monday, April 24, 2017, in Portland, Ore.

hold back a smile for a second or two. "Just stay ready."

Howard had his best game of the postseason, putting up a double-double by halftime and finishing with 16 points and 15 rebounds. Paul Millsap bounced back from a sluggish start to score 19 points. And Schroder, after going scoreless in a first half spent largely on the bench, managed to put up 18 points.

The Hawks had seven players in double figures, also getting a huge contribution off the bench from Kent Bazemore, who had 16 points and doled out seven assists.

But Calderon was the one who really made a difference. The Hawks outscored the Wizards by 29 points when he was on the court.

"He came in, played well, took care of the game," Washington coach Scott Brooks said. "He's just a winner. He makes winning basketball plays for whatever team he's been on."

## Raptors 118, Bucks 93

In Toronto, Norm Powell scored a career playoff-high 25 points, Kyle Lowry had 16 points and 10 assists and Toronto beat Milwaukee in Game 5 of the first-round playoff series.

Serge Ibaka scored 19 points and DeMar DeRozan had 18 for the Raptors, who can advance to face defending champion Cleveland in the second round with a victory in Game 6 at Milwaukee on Thursday night.

Many in the sellout crowd of 20,251 rose to their feet and chanted 'Raps in six' in the final minute of the game.

Toronto lost Game 6 on the road at Indiana in the first round and at Miami in the second round last year, rebounding to win Game 7 at home each time. They were eliminated in six games in the Eastern Conference Final against the Cavs, losing at home in the clincher.

DeMarre Carroll scored 12 points as all five Raptors starters reached double figures. Cory Joseph had 10 points off the bench for Toronto.

Giannis Antetokounmpo led the Bucks with 30 points and nine rebounds while Malcolm Brogdon scored 19 points and Greg Monroe had 11. Milwaukee has lost back-to-back games after routing Toronto 104-77 in Game 3.

He was ruled out of Monday's game.

The Warriors showed no signs of slowing in the third. Curry's 3-pointer pushed Golden State's lead to 91-58.

Kerr announced on Sunday that he would not be on the sideline for Game 4. However, he was at the Moda Center for the game. Brown said beforehand he expected Kerr would be watching from the locker room.

It is unclear how long he might be out.

Kerr still experiences lingering symptoms from complications following two back surgeries after the franchise's run to the 2015 championship. He missed the first 43 games last season dealing with symp-

toms such as headaches, nausea and an aching neck.

## Hawks 111, Wizards 101

In Atlanta, in a year when the geezers are coming up big in the NBA playoffs, add another one to the list.

Jose Calderon might be the most unlikely of all.

The 35-year-old Spaniard, picked up on waivers late in the season, made a huge contribution to help the Atlanta Hawks pull away from the Washington Wizards, evening the opening-round series at 2-all.

Answering the call when Denis Schroder got in early foul trouble, Calderon played

20 minutes, scored 10 points and dished out five assists. He joined some old-timers such as Utah's Joe Johnson and Houston's Nene making significant contributions in the postseason.

Afterward, Calderon sat alongside Dwight Howard at the postgame news conference, a sign of the major role they both played.

That's to be expected from Howard, an eight-time All-Star who finally showed up in the series.

Not so much from Calderon, whose hair is thinning on top.

"I always think I'm going to be on the podium," he quipped, actually managing to

Wednesday night.

Johnson is 6 for 7 on what the NBA calls clutch shots so far in these playoffs. (To put that in some perspective, LeBron James—for as great as he was in the sweep of Indiana—was 5 for 15 in clutch situations during that series.) Johnson shot 12 for 17 overall in Utah's win Sunday over the Clippers, helping the Jazz knot that series on a night when Gordon Hayward was felled by food poisoning.

Former teammate and longtime NBA star Kevin Garnett says Johnson has "superstar poise," and it showed Sunday.

"He's one of those guys

that we're quick to forget because of the regular season games and what it takes out of you," Garnett said. "This is the time where the cream is going to rise to the top for you."

Nene was 12 for 12 in Houston's road win Sunday over Oklahoma City. In a series where all the talk seems to be on MVP frontrunners Russell Westbrook and James Harden, Nene is shooting an astounding 92 percent (23 for 25) from the floor.

"Kind of a man's game," Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni said. "And he's a man ... That's Nene. Doesn't surprise me."

## Old guys coming up big so far in these playoffs

**HOUSTON** (AP)—George W. Bush was early in his first term as president. Seattle was years away from losing the SuperSonics. "Arrested Development" hadn't even started airing yet.

That's how long ago Utah's Joe Johnson and Houston's Nene made their NBA debuts.

So-called old guys like them are delivering all across these playoffs thus far. And many of those elder statesmen will be back at work Tuesday as the Western Conference playoffs continue with a trio of Game 5s—Houston will be home with a chance to eliminate Oklahoma City,

Memphis goes back to San Antonio and Utah visits the Los Angeles Clippers.

Among those expected to be in action: 40-year-old Vince Carter, 39-year-olds Manu Ginobili and Paul Pierce, 37-year-old Jamal Crawford, 36-year-old Pau Gasol, 35-year-olds like Johnson, Zach Randolph and Boris Diaw, and 34-year-olds in Tony Parker and Nene.

"As you get older, as you get more experienced, you understand what 'Winning Time' means," said Chicago's Dwyane Wade, another non-whippersnapper of 35 who'll play in a Game 5 of the Bulls-Boston series on

# Cain pitches Giants to 2-1 win against Dodgers



**SAN FRANCISCO**

(AP)—MMatt

Cain pitched six scoreless innings to beat the Dodgers for the first time in nearly four years, and the San Francisco Giants snapped a four-game losing streak with a 2-1 win against Los Angeles on Monday night.

Joe Panik hit a second-inning sacrifice fly off Hyun-Jin Ryu (0-4) in just the Giants' second victory in their last eight games. Hunter Pence added a key RBI single for insurance in the seventh.

Top prospect Christian Arroyo was promoted by the Giants to be the new regular third baseman and he went 0 for 4 with three groundouts to second and a strikeout.

Cain (2-0) allowed two hits, struck out three and walked one and has been a steady presence in San Francisco's rotation so far. He beat the Dodgers for the first time since May 5, 2013, also at AT&T Park. The right-hander, a victim of low run support for years and with injury bad luck the past few seasons, had been 0-3 with a 4.86 ERA in six starts since.

After the game, manager Bruce Bochy said that one of Cain's hamstrings tightened and he'll have it checked.

Mark Melancon, San Francisco's fourth reliever, finished for his fourth save in five chances. Justin Turner extended his hitting streak to 10 games with a one-out single in the ninth.

Ryu has lost his last six starts since Sept. 12, 2014, still seeking his first victory since Aug. 31, '14.

Pinch-hitter Chris Taylor's groundout in the seventh got the Dodgers on the board, but they lost their sixth straight in San Francisco after going 2-8 at AT&T Park last year.

Eduardo Nunez moved from third to left field for San Francisco with the addition of Arroyo.

Meanwhile, Sergio Romo was downright giddy to be back at AT&T Park, where he got his big league start spending his first nine seasons with the Giants—and helping them to three World Series championships.

"For me, it's a homecoming, it really is," he said, sitting in the Dodgers dugout before the game, then adding of the rivalry, "It's on, it's on, it's on."

He pitched the eighth for L.A. to some chants of "Beat Ro-mo!"

Romo highlights were shown—complete with his entry music "El Mechon"—after the first inning and he smiled, popped out of the dugout and



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Los Angeles Dodgers catcher Yasmani Grandal, right, tags out San Francisco Giants' Brandon Belt at home plate after a single from Buster Posey during the first inning of a baseball game, Monday, April 24, 2017, in San Francisco.

with three hits and tied his best with four RBI. Melky Cabrera, Todd Frazier and Tyler Saladino drove in two runs each for the White Sox, who out-hit the Royals 15-2.

Chicago put together its high-scoring inning since a nine-run fifth against Texas on July 3, 2012. The Royals have lost five straight and scored a major league-low 47 runs.

Jason Vargas (3-1) gave up four runs—three earned—and seven hits in five innings. His ERA rose from a big league-best 0.44 to 1.40.

## Diamondbacks 7, Padres 6

In Phoenix, Zack Greinke struck out 11 in six innings, Chris Owings hit his first career grand slam and the Diamondbacks held on to beat the Padres.

David Peralta homered and singled twice for the Diamondbacks, whose 9-2 start at home ties the best in club history.

Greinke (2-2) gave up a run on six hits, including three singles by Yangervis Solarte, with no walks and left with a 6-1 lead.

Fernando Rodney pitched a scoreless ninth for his sixth save in six tries.

Jhoulys Chacin (1-0), the winner in a 1-0 Padres victory over Greinke and Arizona last Thursday, gave up seven runs and eight hits over six innings.

Angels 2, Blue Jays 1

In Anaheim, with the infield playing in, Cameron Maybin broke from third on contact and scored on a close play at the plate in the fifth inning to give the Angels a victory over the Blue Jays.

Right-hander Jesse Chavez, who took the loss in Friday's 13-inning loss to Toronto, went six innings for the Angels, holding the Blue Jays to one run on four hits. Chavez (2-3) walked four but struck out seven.

Bud Norris pitched a scoreless ninth to earn his second save.

Catcher Russell Martin's solo home run in the fourth accounted for Toronto's only run. It was Martin's second of the season.

The Angels tied the score in the bottom of the fourth when a Mike Trout double turned into a triple after right-fielder Jose Bautista slipped. Albert Pujols singled to score Trout.

tipped his cap every which way, even sending an air hug to the opposite dugout and his old teammates and coaches.

## Cubs 14, Pirates 3

In Pittsburgh, Addison Russell set a career high with four hits, Jason Heyward homered for the third time in four games and drove in four runs as the Chicago Cubs jumped on the Pirates early in a victory on Monday night.

Ben Zobrist added three RBI for Chicago as the defending World Series champions won for the fifth time in six games. Anthony Rizzo had three hits to extend his hitting streak to 13 games. Kyle Schwarber, Kris Bryant and Miguel Montero all had two hits apiece for the Cubs.

Chicago scored four runs with two outs in the first inning off Chad Kuhl (1-2) and added five more in the second to give Brett Anderson (2-0) all the breathing room he would need.

Anderson struggled at times with his command, walking six in six innings while striking out three and allowed three runs, one earned.

## Rockies 8, Nationals 4

In Denver, Charlie Blackmon hit a two-run homer in the seventh, Colorado's lights-out bullpen threw three-plus scoreless innings and the Rockies beat Washington, ending the Nationals' seven-game winning streak.

Trailing 4-3, Blackmon lined a hanging slider from lefty Enny Romero (1-1) into the right-field stands. It was Blackmon's sixth homer of the season and followed a pinch-hit double from Pat Valaika -- his first hit of the season.

The Rockies' relievers came through once again after starter Tyler Anderson wore down. Carlos Estevez (2-0) got four outs and Adam Ottavino threw an effective eighth. Greg Holland pitched the ninth in a non-save situation after the Rockies added three insurance runs in the eighth. He got pinch-hitter Bryce Harper to ground out to end the game.

The Rockies' bullpen is now 6-0 with a 2.62 ERA, which is tops in the NL.

## Brewers 11, Reds 7

In Milwaukee, Eric Thames homered twice to raise his major league-leading total to 10, Hernan Perez added a three-run shot, Matt Garza pitched for the first time this season and the Brewers beat the Reds.

The left-handed batting Thames got just enough muscle on an 0-2 pitch from Amir Garrett (2-2) to slice an opposite-field, two-run homer in the second. He extended his home-run streak against the Reds this season to five consecutive games with a solo shot to right in the first. Perez's three-run homer capped that inning.

Seven of Thames' 10 ma-

jor-league leading home runs have come off the Reds' hurlers, including five in the four-game series in mid-April at Cincinnati.

Garza, who suffered a right groin strain at the end of spring training, was reinstated from the disabled list before the game. He allowed one earned run on four hits. Five relievers followed and Carlos Torres (1-2) picked up the win.

## Orioles 6, Rays 3

In Baltimore, Adam Jones hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the seventh inning, Hyun Soo Kim and Jonathan Schoop also went deep, and the Orioles beat the Rays on a cold, damp night at Camden Yards.

All three home runs were off Chris Archer (2-1), who gave up five runs, six hits and five walks in 6 2/3 innings. The right-hander didn't allow a long ball in his previous four starts this season.

Baltimore trailed 3-1 before Kim and Schoop connected on successive pitches in the sixth inning. In the seventh, Archer hit Seth Smith with a pitch, and Jones followed with a drive deep into the left-field seats.

It was the fifth win in seven games for the Orioles, whose 13-5 record is best in the American League.

## Twins 3, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Brian Dozier hit a bases-clearing double and

the Twins beat Texas, ending the Rangers' AL-best four-game winning streak.

Dozier's two-out double in the fifth came after Martin Perez (1-3) walked the bases loaded, giving free passes to the three of the bottom four batters in the Twins lineup. Dozier had only three RBI his first 17 games this season.

Those were the only walks and runs allowed by Perez in his six innings.

Phil Hughes (3-1) allowed two runs on six hits over six innings. The right-hander, who has won all three of his road starts this season, struck out two and walked one.

Brandon Kintzler worked the ninth for his fifth save in as many chances. The right-hander hasn't allowed a run in his 9 1/3 innings over nine appearances.

The Rangers (9-11), the AL West champion the past two seasons, missed a chance to reach .500 for the first time this year. They were coming off a four-game series sweep against Kansas City.

## White Sox 12, Royals 1

In Chicago, Matt Davidson had two hits and three RBI in an eight-run sixth, Chicago's highest-scoring inning in five years, and the White Sox routed the struggling Royals.

Miguel Gonzalez (3-0) lowered his ERA to 2.00, allowing an unearned run and two hits in eight innings.

Davidson set a career-high

# Carmelita II wins Mahi Fishing Derby



*Carmelita II* anglers and their supporters pose with their catch after the weigh-in at Smiling Cove Marina during last Saturday's 13th Annual Mahi Fishing Derby.

*Carmelita II* ruled last Saturday's 13th Annual Mahi Fishing Derby, beating more than 30 entries in this year's competition.

The Alejandro Castro-captained *Carmelita II* reeled in a 28.95lb mahi to take the first place honors in the weekend tournament. Helping Castro haul the winning catch were his son Alex Castro Jr., Patrick Uluchong, and Tom Diaz.

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gles events in the girls division had new winners in Hye Jin Elliot and Maria Gregoire.

Gregoire took the girls U14 single tiara after prevailing in her head-to-head showdown with Riko Ojima, 6-2, 6-2.

Elliot, on the other hand, ruled the seven-player girls U12 singles field, clinching the division title by stunning the No.1 seed and last year's U10 champion JC Ferrer. Elliot caught Ferrer flatfooted in the opening set and cruised to a 6-1 victory. However, Ferrer fought back in the second set and defeated Elliot in similar scores to stay in contention. Then in the deciding super-tiebreaker third set, Elliot recovered and recorded a 10-5 victory to complete the upset.

The eventual girls U12 champion was unseeded in her division and advanced to the finals after surprising No. 2 Anika Camacho with a 6-4, 6-3 victory and eliminating Yejin Son, 6-2, 6-2. Son played in the consolation round, but fell short in her bid for a podium finish after Helen Kim won the battle for third place, 6-3, 3-6, 10-5.

*Carmelita II*'s catch was just over two pounds heavier than the 26.2-lb mahi *Flame of Love* got. The runner-up was captained by Keith Joe Torres and has Cujay Echulico as his lone angler.

In the battle for third to fifth place, a close fight emerged among Champy, Team As Teo, and Victoria. Champy captain Jesse Aldan was on board *My Lady Gora*

In other results, Hoo Wang and La Hun Lam topped their respective divisions, while Robbie Schorr and Ken Song ruled the boys U18 doubles category.

La Hun went unbeaten (2-0) in the boys U10 singles, which had a round-robin format. He secured the championship after downing Nason Wessel last Sunday, 8-3. La Hun's other victory was against Sam Cope (walkover) last Saturday.

In the girls U10 singles, Wang spoiled a double celebration for the Lams, as the former defeated the latter's sister last Sunday, La Mee, 8-4. Wang finished the competition with a 3-0 record, while La Mee had a 2-1 mark to settle for the runner-up honors. Soarin Oh, who won over Dana Lee, 9-7, placed third.

Schorr, who reigned supreme in the boys U18 singles, added the doubles championship to his growing collection after he and Song outclassed Steven Goodwin and Vince Tudela last Sunday, 6-3, 7-5. Schorr and Song were undefeated in two games in the round-robin contest as they also swept Andy Cho and James Kim, 6-0, 6-0, while Tudela and Goodwin had a 1-1 mark to finish second.

and he and his anglers Jason and Champ Aldan, Bernardo Reoligio, and Keiji Takeda brought in at the Smiling Cove Marina dock their 25.5lb mahi to beat the 25.2 of Team As Teo. Paul Roberto was Team As Teo's captain and was joined on the boat (*Conservation Minded*) by anglers Ralph Torres, Joey Cruz, and James Roberto.

*Victoria* of team captain Diego Benavente and his wife Vicky and angler Scott Shular finished fifth after bringing in a 24.5lb mahi.

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and 10, respectively.

Meanwhile, in the first game, SSFM eased past Kagman, 99-87.

SSFM had a jackrabbit start, exploding for 31 points for a promising 19-point lead at the end of the first period. Kagman fell behind early as it had no player scoring more than one field goal in the opening canto, while SSFM had many players converting multiple

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earned an average of .423 after going 11-for-26. The Enforcers' Thomas Agulto is in third spot with his batting average of .428 (12-for-28).

Iguel and Kapileo have batting averages of .490 (9-for-22) and .400 (10-for-25), respectively, just a few percentage points behind No. 5 and the Ol'Aces' Trevor Lieto (.419/13-for-31) and the Enforcers' Sean Rabauliman (.416/10-for-24).

Meanwhile, tournament organizer Saipan Fishermen Association would like to thank the following for supporting last weekend's derby: MARPAC Budweiser, Docomo Pacific, Fishing Tackle, IP&E, Yamaha, MINA, Marianas Visitors Authority, Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, and the Division of Fish and the Wildlife

SFA also acknowledged all the participants (anglers and boat captains) and volunteers and encouraged them to join the Saipan International Fishing Derby that will be held in July. (*Roselyn B. Monroyo*)

baskets.

After a slow start, Kagman found its rhythm and scored 29 points in the second quarter. However, it failed to neutralize SSFM's gunners and Kagman ended up still down by double-figures by half-time, 44-55.

SSFM went on to protect its safe lead in the entire second half despite another rally from Kagman in the fourth and last quarter.

Jack Lizama led three other SSFM players in scoring twin

With Iguel, Kapileo, Celis, Alvarez and Camacho in the Top 10, the Braves have the most players in the Top 20. The Ol'Aces, Falcons, and Enforcers have four each, while the Comets have three.

Rounding out the Top 20 are the Comets' A.J. Sanchez (.393), the Falcons' Isaiah Teigita (.391), the Comets' Reid Teregeyo (.384) and Sebastian Saura (.379), the Ol'Aces' Kiana Aldan (.360), the Enforcers' Justin Agulto (.360), the Falcons' Nixon Smith (.346), the Ol'Aces' Na-

Cowboys honor Ware, ponder need with post-Tony Romo future secure



FRISCO, Tex-

as (AP)—Jerry

Jones honored

DeMarcus

Ware with a ceremonial signing Monday that allowed the franchise sacks leader to retire as a Dallas Cowboy on the same day the team owner discussed how the draft might help find the next dominant pass rusher.

Whenever the Cowboys decide to pay homage to Tony Romo with their 10-year starter heading to the broadcast booth, they will do so feeling secure about their future under center. They won't be thinking much about quarterbacks in the first round Thursday night.

Jones couldn't have imagined this a year ago before the Cowboys took Dak Prescott in the fourth round with the idea he might someday replace Romo. Instead, Prescott put up one of the best rookie seasons in NFL history to basically end Romo's Dallas tenure.

"It just really shows me that positive things are more likely to happen to you than because of you," Jones said. "To be sitting here right now with the future as we have it, I could have never dreamed that this hand would have been dealt this way."

So maybe the Cowboys can get lucky in their search for the next Ware, who won his only Super Bowl in three seasons with Denver after Dallas cut him in a salary cap move following the 2013 season when he had 117 sacks in nine years. The 34-year-old Ware, who retired last month, finished with 138 1/2 sacks, eighth on NFL's career list.

Dallas just hasn't had much luck trying to replace Ware, using second-round picks in 2014 and 2015 on another DeMarcus with back issues (DeMarcus Lawrence) and a player who had a documented substance-abuse problem (Randy Gregory, now suspended for almost all of 2017).

The Cowboys have the 28th pick after a franchise-record 11-game winning streak led to the top seed in the NFC, a run fueled by Prescott and fellow rookie sensation Ezekiel Elliott, the NFL rushing champion after getting picked fourth overall. Dallas lost its divisional playoff to Green Bay.

Defense would appear to be the focus because Dallas also needs help in the secondary following the departures in free agency of cornerbacks Brandon Carr and Morris Claiborne and safeties Barry Church and J.J. Wilcox.

13, Martin 12, B. Babauta 9, Limes 5, Faisao 4, Camacho 2, Palacios 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 31-12, 55-41, 75-57, 99-87.

## Second Game

**Armatech 67** — Babauta 20, J. Malasarte 17, Asuhan 10, Chavez 8, B. Malasarte 4, Zapata 4, Tolosa 2.

**5-Star 50** — Castillo 19, Ponce 12, Banal 9, Pino 8, Ocampo 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 19-8, 36-23, 50-34, 67-50.

lowed by Norita (0.84), Celis (0.91), and the Falcons' Aven Evangelista (0.93).

Meanwhile, Nakamura is ahead in the strikeouts category with his 35, while Celis and Norita are ranked second with 33 each. Evangelista has the most runs so far with 17, while Sanchez (8), Vicente Camacho (3), and Saura (5) lead in the RBIs, triples, and doubles, respectively. In the home run category, only Froilan Camacho and Terrence Babauta have rounded the bases (once).

In the pitching race, a Braves player is also on top with Camacho having a 0.43 ERA to lead four others. He allowed only one run in 15.1 innings pitched. The Comets' Vincent Nakamura is at second place with his 0.80 ERA (3 runs allowed in 25.1 innings), fol-

# 21st Hyatt Regency Saipan Charity Golf Classic Winners

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Lorraine Babauta wears the Hyatt Regency robe after getting the first place honors in the Ladies Flight of the 21st Hyatt Regency Saipan Charity Golf Classic during the awards ceremony last Saturday at the hotel's pool side. Also in the photo is Miss Marianas Peachy Quitugua, who handed the awards to the winners.



Matilde Hocog smiles after receiving her runner-up prize in the Ladies Flight.



B Flight runner-up Edgar Abalos shows the prize he won.



B Flight third placer Danny Son announces he is donating his prize for the raffle drawing.



A Flight runner-up Enoch Lim, left, receives his prize from Miss Marianas Peachy Quitugua.



A Flight champion Yong Joo Kim smiles after getting his prize.



B Flight champion Patrick Guerrero, center, is joined in the photo by Hyatt's Valentina Haberman and Miss Marianas Peachy Quitugua.



Championship Flight runner-up Freddie Cataluna shakes hand with Miss Marianas Peachy Quitugua.



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# Back-to-back titles for Heras

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**I**sabel Heras had a repeat in the 2017 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships after beating Tania Tan in their girls U18 singles duel, 6-4, 6-2, last Sunday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.



Heras, who clinched the division crown in the same competition in 2016 after outlasting Asia Raulerson in the finals, 6-2, 5-7, 6-0, successfully defended her title after earning a perfect 3-0 mark in last weekend's round-robin contest. She and Tan came into last Sunday's match unbeaten in two games and Heras went on to keep her spotless record after sweeping the latter.

Both Heras and Tan won against Grace Choi and Malika Miyawaki in Week 1 of the tournament to make their meeting last Sunday the title-deciding match. The girls U18 championship in Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association's last junior local tournament for the 2016-2017 calendar was Heras second for the season as she also won the division crown in the 8th TanHoldings Tennis Classic against Miyawaki and Tan.

Meanwhile, the other sin-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Isabel Heras serves to Malika Miyawaki during their girls U18 singles game in the 2017 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships last week at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.



## Armotech coasts past 5-Star Construction



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Armotech's Mark Asuhan is hounded by 5-Star Construction defenders during the second quarter of their game in the San Antonio summer caging last Friday at the San Antonio court.

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 Armotech won its debut in the 2017 San Antonio Summer Basketball League after dominating 5-Star Construction, 67-50, last Friday at the San Antonio court.

Armotech led from start to finish and was never threatened to break into the win column in the 14-team field in its first try.

Jerome Malasarte and Mark Asuhan teamed up in putting Armotech on top of the game right in the opening canto as the former scored 9 points and the lat-

ter chipped in 6. The duo's total points were enough to outgun the entire 5-Star crew and gave Armotech an early double-digit advantage, 19-8.

5-Star picked up its scoring a bit in the second quarter, however Armotech kept its safe distance, as Michael Babauta took over from Asuhan and Malasarte, making 8 points in that period.

Babauta then remained on target in the second half to power Armotech to its debut win. He recorded a game-high 20 points, while Malasarte and Asuhan also finished in twin digits with 17

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The Braves' chances of getting the top honors in the batting race are looking good as five

of their players are in the Top 10 in the Junior League division of the 2017 Saipan Little



League  
Baseball.

Vicente  
Camacho is

ranked first with his batting average of .517 (as of April 9), while his teammates J.P. Celis, Josenio Alvarez, Leve'Que Iguel, and Kyle Kapileo, are in second, fourth, seventh, and eighth place, respectively. Camacho went 15-for-29 at bat and is the lone player in the batting race to average at least .500. Celis' .441 of his 15-for-34 performance at the plate put him in second place, while Alvarez

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

A Braves player is greeted by his coaches after a good defensive stop against the Enforcers during their Junior League game in the 2017 Saipan Little League Baseball last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.